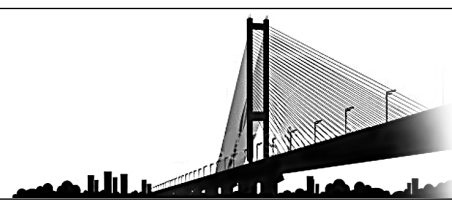


Rusty-spotted cat rescued near Tansa wildlife sanctuary

Mumbai: A rusty-spotted cat was rescued from a village near Tansa wildlife sanctuary in Palghar. The abandoned animal, weighing 200gm, was spotted by villagers in the Vaitarna range. After rescue, it was taken to RAWW (Resqink Association for Wildlife Welfare)

facility for treatment. Rusty-spotted cats are the smallest wild cat species in the world and one of the top protected species in India. A medical examination of the animal revealed that it was severely dehydrated, starving, and infested by ticks.



City-based developers eye a slice of Ram Lalla's Ayodhya

Seven city-based players purchase huge land parcels in temple city; property prices surge following Pran Pratishtha ceremony by the PM

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Now that Ram Lalla has arrived in Ayodhya, real estate biggies from Mumbai are making a beeline for a piece of the holy land.

Seven top players from Mumbai, including Oberoi Realty, Hiranandani Group, Godrej Properties, Raymond Realty, Runwal Group and K Raheja Corp. have purchased huge land parcels in the temple city in the last three months, according to reliable sources.

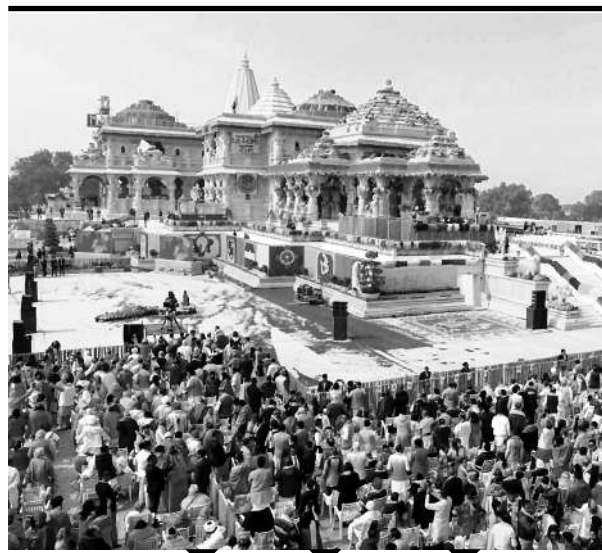
And property prices have surged 179% following the Pran Pratishtha ceremony by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 22, according to Magicbricks, an online real estate portal.

Sources said B Teams of Mumbai-based developers are in Ayodhya right now scouting for more land banks and setting up business development operations.

Their focus is three-pronged: Land plotting (sale of plots), development of residential townships, and commercial and hospitality business.

According to Dr Adv Harshul Savla, managing partner M Realty, Ayodhya today has 17 hotels with only 590 hotel rooms. Seventy-three new hotels are in the pipeline of which 40 are already under construction. Marriott International and IHCL have already signed deals for hotels and OYO is set to add 1,000 rooms. "The scope for hospitality is immense; no surprise developers are fanning out their teams on a land grab expedition!"

Average property rates in Ayodhya, where the Ram Mandir was opened to the general public on January 23, have gone up by 179% in the



179% Rise in property prices following Pran Pratishthan ceremony
17 Hotels in Ayodhya
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73 New hotels in pipeline
40 Hotels already under construction

last three months, according to Magicbricks. The real estate portal says average prices in Ayodhya have increased from Rs3,174 per square foot in October 2023 to Rs8,877 per square foot in January 2024.

According to ANAROCK Group, a real estate consultancy firm, land rates, which ranged from Rs1,000 to Rs2,000 per square foot in 2019, are now at Rs 4,000 to Rs6,000 per square foot.

Property prices close to the Ram Mandir area fluctuating between Rs10,000 and Rs15,000 per square foot. Earlier it was around Rs2,000-3,000 per square foot. Those located within 6-15 kilometres of the temple site now command a rate of Rs4,000-Rs9,000 per square foot.

Local real estate experts said the craze for commercial land is building

up. Just last week, a team from the Maximium City had approached Sudhakar Srivastava, a local hotelier and property dealer from Ayodhya, for a land parcel near the very site where Abhinandan Lodha group is coming up with Sarayu, a seven-star mixed-use luxury enclave. Bollywood biggie Amitabh Bachchan is reported to have purchased a 10,000 square feet plot here for Rs14.5 crore (approximately).

Srivastava added that he had taken a Mumbai-based developer's team around to check out some sites. "They have liked a land parcel of 640 biswas (one biswa is equivalent to 1361sqft area), which is situated close to the Abhinandan Lodha group site. I am in contact with the local farmers there and we have managed to bring them all together on one platform

and collected 640 biswas in a continuous stretch. But the developer wants 1,000 biswas and is not too happy about the price point," he said.

He added that the rate for each biswa was around Rs10 lakh. Earlier a biswas was available for Rs2 to Rs3 lakh, he said.

However, the sources said that farmers and local agents sensing a demand from big players are purposely jacking up the price and also projecting scarcity even though land parcels are easily available. "They are projecting a demand-supply situation," one said.

Property prices, Srivastava said, have become unaffordable for locals in some parts of Ayodhya because of the entry of real-estate players from outside, like Mumbai, NCR, Gujarat and other districts.

"There is a growing demand not just from locals but from investors outside Ayodhya as well," said Anuj Puri, chairman of the ANAROCK Group.

Several areas such as Faizabad Road, Deokali, Chaudah Kosi Parikrama, Ring Road, Navghat, and areas along the Lucknow-Gorakhpur highway are seeing strong demand, local brokers said.

These areas are located within a 6km-20-km radius of the Ram Mandir and hence have drawn investor interest, they added.

After the Supreme Court judgement in 2019 and now the Mandir opening, property registrations are reported to have spiked in Ayodhya. According to data from the Stamp and Registration Department of Ayodhya district, property registrations have gone up by 120% between 2017 and 2022.

A WORLD TRANSFORMED



Meditators from all around the world gathered at the Global Vipassana Pagoda at Gorai, Borivali, recently to celebrate the birth centenary of Vipassana's foremost teacher, Satya Narayana Goenka. On February 4, the penultimate day of the culmination of the year-long birth centenary celebrations of Goenka, between 8,000 and 10,000 meditators gathered at the golden pagoda, which was built under Goenka's guidance. The world's largest pillar-less stone dome that towers over 325 feet, which was opened in 2009, enshrines relics of the Buddha. The gathering meditated under the relics of Buddha. They aimed to realise their teacher's vision - a world transformed through inner peace.

Text: Manoj Ramakrishnan

NGO moves NGT afresh against Ulwe Balaji temple

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Coinciding with the observance of the World Wetlands Day on February 2, a city-based environmentalist has moved the National Green Tribunal (NGT) challenging the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) permission granted for the Tirupati Balaji temple in an ecologically sensitive and protected CRZ plot.

"The Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA), while giving a conditional CRZ nod, has ignored the fact that the plot allocated for the temple is part of the temporary casting yard meant for the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL)," NatConnect Foundation director BN Kumar contended in his application before the NGT's western zonal bench.

The City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO), which leased out the 10-acre plot for the temple, has "illegally permitted the construction of impermissible project" such as the proposed temple project for Lord Venkateswara Swami by the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD), the activist argued. Earlier, he had challenged CIDCO's allotment of the plot and during the pendency of the petition, MCZMA gave the CRZ nod. He has now challenged the CRZ permission.

Efforts to get in touch with CIDCO officials proved futile.

Earlier, the NGT had permitted NatConnect Foundation to file a fresh application against the CRZ nod. The non-profit had raised objections on the allotment of the 40,000 square metre plot from a temporary casting yard and pleaded with the NGT to direct the MCZMA not to give CRZ permission.

Govt advertises for 22,000 teaching posts across state

MUSAB QAZI / MUMBAI

Largest hiring drive at Maharashtra schools in more than a decade

After a long wait, the Maharashtra government has finally advertised for 21,768 vacant posts for teachers as part of the largest hiring drive at the state's schools in over a decade.

The list of vacancies for the first phase of recruitment includes 15,950 posts at government schools run by the district administrations, municipal councils and municipal corporations and 5,728 posts at 1,123 private-aided schools. While the government had earlier announced 30,000 appointments, several spots have been kept 'on reserve' at the moment.

Maharashtra has around 65,000 vacant teaching posts

education commissioner Suraj Mandhare.

Around 1.63 lakh teaching aspirants from across the state have registered on the PAVITRA portal to participate in the current recruitment drive. They have until February 9 to provide a preference list of the posts for which they wish to apply.

There's no interview process for recruitment at government schools as well as certain private schools. The government will directly recommend selected candidates for these institutes. For other private schools, the state will recommend a maximum of three candidates, out of which the school management can choose one after carrying out their interviews.

that haven't been filled since 2012, when the state put a freeze on school hiring due to an excess number of teachers in several institutes. While the government began the centralised recruitment process for around 12,000 posts in 2017, only an estimated 6,000 of them have so far been filled.

While the state had earlier announced to fill 80% of the vacancies in government schools, it has now decided to fill only 70% of them. A decision will be taken about these seats, said a statement by the

TATA						
Extracts of Statement of Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended 31 December, 2023						
(₹ in crore)						
Particulars	Quarter ended 31 December, 2023 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30 September, 2023 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31 December, 2022 (Unaudited)	Nine months ended 31 December, 2023 (Unaudited)	Nine months ended 31 December, 2022 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31 March, 2023 (Audited)
1. Revenue from continuing operations	3,730	3,998	4,148	11,946	12,382	16,789
2. Profit from continuing operations before exceptional items, share of profit/(loss) of joint ventures and associate and tax	202	525	625	1,467	2,069	2,742
3. Profit from continuing operations after exceptional items, before share of profit/(loss) of joint ventures and associate and tax	202	627	625	1,569	2,069	2,742
4. Profit from continuing operations before tax	262	615	534	1,626	2,054	2,740
5. Profit from continuing operations after tax	194	495	432	1,267	1,758	2,452
6. Profit/(loss) from discontinued operations after tax	-	-	(7)	9	(16)	(18)
7. Profit for the period (5 + 6)	194	495	425	1,276	1,742	2,434
8. Total comprehensive income for the period	1,027	859	139	3,393	1,494	1,903
9. Paid-up equity share capital (Face value: ₹ 10 per share)	255	255	255	255	255	255
10. Other equity and Non-controlling interests						20,387
11. Earnings per share						
- Basic and Diluted (for continuing operations) in ₹	6.20*	16.80*	15.62*	43.53*	63.75*	91.66
- Basic and Diluted (for discontinued operations) in ₹	-	-	(0.27)*	0.35*	(0.63)*	(0.71)
- Basic and Diluted (for continuing and discontinued operations) in ₹	6.20*	16.80*	15.35*	43.88*	63.12*	90.95
* Not annualised						
Extracts of Statement of Standalone Audited Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended 31 December, 2023						
(₹ in crore)						
Particulars	Quarter ended 31 December, 2023	Quarter ended 30 September, 2023	Quarter ended 31 December, 2022	Nine months ended 31 December, 2023	Nine months ended 31 December, 2022	Year ended 31 March, 2023
1. Revenue from operations	1,093	1,066	1,218	3,294	3,628	4,930
2. Profit before exceptional items and tax	140	171	244	717	1,016	1,265
3. Profit before tax	140	273	244	819	1,016	1,265
4. Profit after tax	115	236	190	679	814	1,027
5. Total comprehensive income for the period	884	438	194	2,455	989	968
6. Paid-up equity share capital (Face value: ₹ 10 per share)	255	255	255	255	255	255
7. Other equity						15,737
8. Earnings per share						
- Basic and Diluted in ₹	4.51*	9.26*	7.46*	26.65*	31.95*	40.31
* Not annualised						
Notes:						
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Unaudited Consolidated and Audited Standalone financial results for the quarter and nine months ended 31 December, 2023 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Consolidated and Audited Standalone financial results for the quarter and nine months ended 31 December, 2023 is available on the Stock Exchange websites (www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website (www.tatachemicals.com).						
2. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 5 February, 2024.						
For and on behalf of the Board of TATA CHEMICALS LIMITED R. Mukundan Managing Director and CEO						
Place : Mumbai Date : 5 February, 2024						
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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023							
(Rs. In Lakhs except per share data)							
Sr. No.	PARTICULARS	Quarter ended			Nine months ended		Year ended
		31-Dec-23 (Unaudited)	30-Sep-23 (Unaudited)	31-Dec-22 (Unaudited)	31-Dec-23 (Unaudited)	31-Dec-22 (Unaudited)	31-Mar-23 (Audited)
1	Total income from operations	127,097	112,362	132,091	351,720	362,168	493,428
2	Net profit / (loss) before tax, exceptional and/or extraordinary items for continuing operations*	5,048	4,515	8,447	14,865	22,151	30,239
3	Net profit / (loss) before tax for continuing operations	5,048	4,515	8,447	14,865	22,151	30,239
4	Net profit / (loss) after tax for continuing operations	3,736	3,168	6,217	10,657	16,247	21,544
5	Net profit / (loss) after tax for discontinued operations	-	(440)	(105)	(480)	185	75
6	Net profit / (loss) after tax	3,736	2,728	6,112	10,177	16,432	21,619
7	Total comprehensive income [comprising profit / (loss) after tax & other comprehensive income after tax]	3,737	2,780	6,169	10,223	16,538	21,792
8	Equity share capital						2,302
9	Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve) as shown in the audited balance sheet of the previous year						187,611
10	Networth						192,134
11	Earnings per share (for continuing operations, not annualised) (face value of Rs. 2/-)						
	Basic :	3.25	2.75	5.40	9.26	14.14	18.74
	Diluted :	3.24	2.74	5.39	9.24	14.10	18.71
	Earnings per share (for discontinued operations, not annualised) (face value of Rs. 2/-)						
	Basic :	-	(0.38)	(0.09)	(0.42)	0.16	0.06
	Diluted :	-	(0.38)	(0.09)	(0.42)	0.16	0.06
	Earnings per share (for continuing and discontinued operations, not annualised) (face value of Rs. 2/-)						
	Basic :	3.25	2.37	5.31	8.84	14.30	18.80
	Diluted :	3.24	2.36	5.30	8.83	14.26	18.77
Key numbers of Standalone Financial Results							
(Rs. In Lakhs)							
Sr. No.	PARTICULARS	Quarter ended			Nine months ended		Year ended
		31-Dec-23 (Unaudited)	30-Sep-23 (Unaudited)	31-Dec-22 (Unaudited)	31-Dec-23 (Unaudited)	31-Dec-22 (Unaudited)	31-Mar-23 (Audited)
1	Total income from operations	127,409	112,619	132,137	352,527	361,503	492,991
2	Net profit/(loss) before tax for continuing operations	5,103	5,046	8,682	16,028	22,896	31,648
3	Net profit/(loss) after tax for continuing operations	3,792	3,784	6,454	11,878	16,992	22,960
4	Net profit/(loss) after tax for discontinued operations	-	(440)	(106)	(409)	192	90
5	Net profit / (loss) after tax	3,792	3,344	6,348	11,469	17,184	23,050
6	Total comprehensive income [comprising profit / (loss) after tax & other comprehensive income after tax]	3,792	3,400	6,406	11,518	17,288	23,226
*Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items are adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind-AS Rules / AS Rules, whichever is applicable.							
The above information has been extracted from the detailed consolidated unaudited financial results for the quarter and nine months ended 31st December 2023, which have been reviewed by the Audit Committee, approved by the Board of Directors and filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the said financial results are available on the Stock Exchange websites, www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.bajajelectricals.com.							
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