

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION  
WRIT PETITION(CRIMINAL) NO.        OF 2025  
(Public Interest Litigation)**

(Petition under Article 32 of the Constitution of India read with Order  
XXXVIII of the Supreme Court Rules, 2013)

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

Ghanshyam Dayalu Upadhyay

...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

...Respondents

**PAPER BOOK**

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**ANOOP PRAKASH AWASTHI**

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## PROFORMA FOR FIRST LISTING

The case pertains to (Please tick/check the correct box):

### SECTION- PIL

- Central Act: (Title) Constitution of India
- Section: Article 32 of the Constitution of India
- Central Rule: (Title) N.A.
- Rules No(s) N.A.
- State Act: (Title) N.A.
- Section N.A.
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- Rules No(s) N.A.
- Impugned Interim Order: (Date) N.A.
- Impugned Final Order/ Decree: (Date) N.A.
- High Court: (Name)
- Names of Judges:
- Tribunal/ Authority: (Name)

1. Nature of matter: WP Criminal
2. (a) Petitioner/ appellant No. 1: Ghanshyam Dayalu Upadhyay  
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(c) Mobile phone number: 9869240921
3. (a) Respondent No. 1: Union Of India & Ors.  
(b) e-mail ID:  
(c) Mobile phone number:
4. (a) Main category classification: Criminal Matter  
(b) Sub classification: 15P, PIL related to the subject category

5. Not to be listed before: N.A

6. (a) Similar disposed of matter with citation, if any & case details:  
No Similar matter is disposed of to the knowledge of the Petitioner

(b) Similar pending matter with case details: No similar matter pending to the knowledge of petitioner.

7. Criminal Matters: Yes

- (a) Whether accused/convict has surrendered: N.A.  
(b) FIR No. N.A. Date: NA  
(c) Police Station: NA  
(d) Sentence Awarded: N.A.  
(e) Period of sentence undergone including period of detention/ custody undergone: N.A.
8. Land Acquisition Matters: No  
(a) Date of Section 4 notification: N.A .  
(b) Date of Section 6 notification: N.A.  
(c) Date of Section 17 notification: N.A.
9. Tax Matters: State the tax effect: N.A.
10. Special Category (first petitioner/ appellant only): NA  
Senior Citizen > 65 years SC/ST Woman/child  
Disabled Legal aid case In custody
11. Vehicle Number (in case of Motor Accident Claim matters): N.A.
12. Whether there was/is litigation on the same point of law, if yes, details thereof: NO

Date: 18.07.2025



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**SYNOPSIS AND LIST OF DATES**

The present writ petition under Article 32 of the Constitution of India is being filed in this Hon'ble Court *inter-alia* seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus and/or any other appropriate writ, order and/or direction in the nature of mandamus thereby directing the Respondent Nos.1 to 4 to forthwith take cognizance of the representation dated 10.07.2025 made by the Petitioner and consequently register an FIR against the accused named therein and further to initiate action for withdrawal of the recognition of political outfit of the Accused named therein viz. Maharashtra Navnirman Sena.

One Raj Thackeray after disassociating himself from his uncle's political outfit viz. Shiv Sena in or about year 2005, floated his own political outfit by name 'Maharashtra Navnirman Sena', however, ever since he and his political outfit and workers of his political party have been indulging in mob violence and lynching by way of assaulting and beating up people who hail from other states and have settled in Maharashtra and more particularly, in the cities like Mumbai, Thane, Pune Raigad etc. on the ground of caste, creed and language etc. and thereby he and his political outfit have been indulging in anti-national activities and resultantly, have been endangering the sovereignty, integrity and unity of India with complete impunity.

Very recently, Government of Maharashtra on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 and 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 issued orders/resolutions regarding three language policy in primary schools. The aforesaid Government Resolutions on three language policy in primary schools gave an opportunity to the two warring cousins for more than two decades viz. Uddhav Thackeray and Raj Thackeray, to come together and form an alliance based on the agenda of opposing introduction of Hindi language in primary schools as a third language, which undoubtedly has an avowed object which needs to be achieved. There has to be one common language all over the country and Hindi since is widely spoken in many parts of the country and is comparatively an easy language to speak, it is a natural choice to have Hindi as our national language. However, it is sad that even after nearly 78 years of our independence, Hindi is not our national language and therefore, the Government of India for the first and foremost must ensure that Hindi is made the national language.

Raj Thackeray, in desperation to occupy some seats in forthcoming election of local body i.e. Mumbai Municipal Corporation, which is considered to be one of the richest civic body, desired to encash the opportunity of Hindi being introduced third language in primary school within the State of Maharashtra and in the process, he has been making fiery speeches from time to time against Hindi speaking people who are from Hindi speaking states such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan etc. and

who have settled in Maharashtra and more particularly, in the cities of Mumbai, Thane, Raigad, Pune etc. and thereby he has been promoting enmity between different groups on the ground of place of birth, residence and language which is prejudicial not only to the maintenance of harmony, but also endangering to sovereignty, unity and integrity of India.

The speeches made by Raj Thackeray instigate people to come on the street and something which was started as opposing Hindi, has led to Marathi being imposed on people who do not speak Marathi or have come from other states. In a rally organized on or about 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 as *Awaj Marathicha*, he justified people who do not speak Marathi to be hit below their eardrums. He went to the extent of claiming that those living in the states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan which are Hindi speaking states in the country are economically backward states and if Hindi could not solve the economic problems in those states, then how it's imposition in the State of Maharashtra would solve the problems. Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Home Minister was also not spared and he was named in his speech quoting him that people who can speak only in English would soon be feeling ashamed on what the Home Minister wanted to convey that the other languages in the country will equally create job opportunities.

At his instance, his goons/political workers have been beating, assaulting and lynching the people belonging to the states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar,

Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan and have been even dismantling/destroying their business establishments/shops etc. With regard to an incident in which a businessman from Rajasthan settled at Mira-Bhayander are of Dist.-Thane, Maharashtra was beaten up for not able to speak in Marathi and which had led to a massive outrage and agitation in Mira Road, Dist. Thane by the business community. Raj Thackeray publicly proclaimed that these are trailer and if Hindi is not stopped, then his people would definitely hit below eardrums of Hindi speaking people and/or those who are not able to speak Marathi.

Media reports revealed that even few months back, at the instance of Raj Thackeray, his political workers started visiting offices/business establishment to found as to whether the works therein are conducted in Marathi language or otherwise and in the process, they barged into a bank and assaulted and beat up a bank employee on account of he being unable to speak Marathi. Similar incidents had taken place in respect of a security guard and then a delivery boy working with Zomato.

Video of Raj Thackeray cautioning his party workers not to record the videos of people being assaulted for not speaking Marathi, but according to him, those who are beaten up would themselves speak of they being beaten up by his party workers, has been widely circulated in social media. Raj Thackeray even used an abusive and un-parliamentary language in his

speech and he claimed that if Maharashtra is quiet, the Central government will move forward. Raj Thackeray and his goons whom he claims to be his party workers are leaving no stone unturned to insult, humiliate, beat-up and terrorize people from Hindi speaking states such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan etc. who are living in Mumbai and/or doing their business and/or working for gains.

Raj Thackeray love for Marathi is 'seasonal'. Raj Thackeray thinks that by invoking the Marathi pride, he and Uddhav Thackeray could do wonders by consolidating Marathi votes and then winning the Mumbai Municipal Corporation election which has reportedly presented a budget of Rs.74,427.41 crores for the financial year 2025-26. The love and affection of Raj Thackeray is not for Marathi language but with an eye on Mumbai Municipal Corporation elections and these tantrums are blown out of proportion with oblique and ulterior motive of gaining advantage in the forthcoming municipal corporation elections in the city of Mumbai.

Since acts of omissions and commissions of Raj Thackeray and his party workers constitute the cognisable offences punishable u/s. 152, 196, 197, 299, 353 (1) (b) (c), 353 (i) (c) and 353 (2) of B.N.S. 2023, the Petitioner vide his representation dated 10.07.2025 addressed to the Prime Minister and Home Minister of the Country and also to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, concerned police authorities and Election Commission of

India and State Election Commission, filed complaint and requested them to ensure that an FIR is forthwith registered in the matter against Raj Thackeray and others and even recognition of his political party be withdrawn. However, despite the aforesaid complaint disclosing commission of cognisable offences punishable u/s. 152, 196, 197, 299, 353 (1) (b) (c), 353 (i) (c) and 353 (2) of B.N.S. 2023, no has been taken and in the process, direction issued by this Hon'ble Court in the matter of **Lalita Kumari V/s. Govt. of Uttar Pradesh & Ors.-(2014) 2 SCC 1**, have been flouted by the Respondents and with result, people have been living under the constant shadow of fear of being assaulted, beaten up, insulted and humiliated by the Raj Thackeray and his political workers.

### **LIST OF DATES**

2005	One Raj Thackeray, after disassociating himself from his uncle Balasaheb Thackeray, floated his own political outfit by name 'Maharashtra Navnirman Sena', however, ever since he and his political outfit and workers of his political party have been indulging in mob violence and lynching by way of assaulting and beating up people who hail from other states and have settled in Maharashtra and more particularly, in the cities like Mumbai, Thane, Pune Raigad etc. on the ground of caste, creed and language etc.
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knowledge of law enforcing agencies/ Respondents herein. One of such video can be seen on <https://youtube.com/shorts/4DoBd-mINPY/si=iU2E-BIYBQuP3zmn>.

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Media reports revealed that even in the past from time to time Raj Thackeray and his political outfit/political works

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have indulged in such illegal activities against non-Marathi people and as matter of fact, few months back, at the instance of Raj Thackeray, his political workers started visiting offices/business establishment to found as to whether the works therein are conducted in Marathi language or otherwise and in the process, they barged into a bank assaulted and beaten up a bank employee on account of he being unable to speak Marathi. Similar incidents had taken place in respect of a security guard and then a delivery boy working with Zomato.

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In the peculiar facts and circumstances of this case and in view of the facts that issues raised in the present petition have national ramifications and concern with the very sovereignty, integrity and unity of India and it also

involves violations of guidelines issued by this Hon'ble Court in the matter of *Lalita Kumari V/s. Govt. of Uttar Pradesh & Ors.-(2014) 2 SCC 1* and also *Tehseen S. Poonawala V/s. Union of India & Ors.- (2018) 9 SCC 501* and resultantly, contempt of this Hon'ble Court, the Petitioner has no other alternate and efficacious remedy in law than to file present petition before this Hon'ble Court under Article 32 of the Constitution of India in public interest.

18.07.2025 Hence, the present writ petition.



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CRIMINAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION  
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION  
WRIT PETITION(CRL) NO.        OF 2025**

**IN THE MATTER OF:-**

Ghanshyam Dayalu Upadhyay,  
aged 54 years, Indian Inhabitant,  
Occupation- Advocate,  
having his office at 506, Arcadia Premises,  
195, NCPA Road, Nariman Point,  
Mumbai- 400 021

... Petitioner

**Versus**

1. Union of India  
through Secretary  
the Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, Central Secretariat,  
New Delhi – 110 001.
2. State of Maharashtra,  
through Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
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...Respondents

**(A PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION UNDER WRIT PETITION  
UNDER ARTICLE 32 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA  
SEEKING ISSUANCE OF WRIT OF MANDAMUS THEREBY  
DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO FORTHWITH TAKE**

**COGNISANCE OF THE COMPLAINT DATED 10.07.2025 FILED  
BY THE PETITINER WITH THE RESPONDENTS)**

**AND**

**PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION PETITION UNDER ARTICLE 32  
OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA**

To,

The Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India and His Companion Justices of the  
Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;

The Humble Petition of the Petitioner abovenamed

**MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:**

1. The Petitioner is a citizen of India and domiciled in the State of Maharashtra. The Petitioner enjoys all the right and privileges as enshrined and embodied under the Constitution of India. The Petitioner is an advocate practicing in the Hon'ble High Court, Bombay and also in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and has been duly enrolled with the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa having registration No. MAH/5167/1999. The Petitioner is public spirited person and, in the past, he has raised various issues of great public importance by filing PILs in this Hon'ble Court as well as in the Hon'ble Bombay High Court. While the Respondent No.1 is the Union of India, the Respondent No. 2 is the State of Maharashtra,

the Respondent No. 3 to 5 are the police authorities within the State of Maharashtra, who are duty bound to take cognizance of the representation dated 10.07.2025 filed by the Petitioner disclosing commission of serious cognisable offences punishable u/s. 152, 196, 197, 299, 353 (1) (b) (c), 353 (i) (c) and 353 (2) of B.N.S. 2023. The Respondent Nos. 6 and 7 are the Election Commission of India and the State Election Commission, Maharashtra. All the Respondents being 'State' within the meaning of Article 12 of Constitution of India and therefore, are amenable to the writ jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court.

True copy of the Aadhar card number 976617666334 is enclosed as **Annexure P-1 at page 37** and True copy of the identity card to Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa High court, Bombay is herein enclosed as **Annexure P-2 at page 38-39**

## **2 DECLARATION ORDER XXXVIII RULE 12 (2) OF SCR, 2013.**

2.1. Name of the Petitioner: Ghanshyam Dayalu Upadhyay, aged 54 years, Indian Inhabitant, Occupation Advocate, having his office at 506, Arcadia Premises, 195, NCPA Road, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400021 (Maharashtra), Email: [lawjuris@hotmail.com](mailto:lawjuris@hotmail.com) Mobile: 9869240921, PAN: AAKPU0157C

2.2 The cause of action of the present public interest litigation relates to the extremely high handed and inhuman acts of Raj Thackeray and his political outfit against people from other States, settled in Maharashtra, and more particularly, in the cities like Mumbai, Thane, Raigad, Pune etc.

2.3 There is no pending litigation between the Petitioner and the Respondents on the subject matter of the present petition. The present petition is filed in larger public interest to curb the menace of hate crimes and mob violence/lynching and activities of Raj Thackeray and his political outfit, similar others persons/political outfits such as Asaduddin Owaisi and his political outfit AIMIM, which are very prejudicial and detrimental to the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India and thus, having national ramification and thus, looking to the larger nature of reliefs which the Petitioner seeks in the instant petition as public interest litigation, he has no other efficacious alternate remedy in law than to approach this Hon'ble Court. Moreover, the guidelines which the Petitioner seeks to be laid down by this Hon'ble Court will have national impact on such anti-national activities by political leaders and their political outfits and in fact, will eradicate the said menace.

2.4 That the Petitioner has not filed any other petition either before this Hon'ble Court or any other court seeking similar relief as sought in the present Writ Petition.

2A. The Petitioner by the present petition under Article 32 of the Constitution of India is *inter-alia* seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus and/or any other appropriate writ, order and/or direction in the nature of mandamus thereby directing the Respondent Nos.1 to 5 to forthwith take cognizance of the representation dated 10.07.2025 filed by the Petitioner and consequently, register an FIR against the accused named therein and further to initiate action for withdrawal of the recognition of political outfit of the Accused named therein viz. Maharashtra Navnirman Sena.

3. In view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the matter of **Manoharlal V/s. Vinesh Anand**, the Petitioner has locus-standi to institute and maintain the instant petition in this Hon'ble Court. At this stage, it is appropriate to reproduce the observations of the Hon'ble Apex Court in the matter of Manoharlal (supra) on the issue of locus-standi which reads as under:-

*"Before adverting to the matter in issue and the rival contentions advanced one redeeming feature ought to be noticed here pertain to Criminal jurisprudence: To pursue an offender in the event of commission of an offence, is to sub-serve a social need. Society cannot afford to have a criminal escape his liability, since that would bring about a state of social pollution, which is neither desired, nor warranted*

*and this is irrespective of the concept of locus. The doctrine of locus standi is totally foreign to criminal jurisprudence. This observation of ours, however, obtains support from the decision of this Court in A.R. Antulay Vs. Ramdas Srinivas Nayak & Anr.- 1984 (2) SCC 500.*

#### **4. FACTS OF THE CASE:**

- 4.1 It is not necessary to burden the present petition with several other details leading to filing of the same in this Hon'ble Court, suffice it to say that 'One Raj Thackeray after disassociating himself from his uncle's political outfit viz. Shiv Sena in or about year 2005, floated his own political outfit by name 'Maharashtra Navnirman Sena', however, ever since he and his political outfit and workers of his political party have been indulging in mob violence and lynching by way of assaulting and beating up people who hail from other states and have settled in Maharashtra and more particularly, in the cities like Mumbai, Thane, Pune Raigad etc. on the ground of caste, creed and language etc. and thereby he and his political outfit have been indulging in anti-national activities and resultantly, have been endangering the sovereignty, integrity and unity of India with complete impunity. Since such similar activities have gaining grounds by other political parties/people/politicians in country, which can be seen from inflammatory and inciting statements made by politicians like Asaduddin Owaisi, the founder of political outfit

by name AIMIM, his brother Akbaruddin Owaisi and his political worker/party man Waris Pathan and since such incidents are endangering the sovereignty, integrity and unity of the India, same need to nipped in bud with iron hands by the Respondents by taking prompt and strict actions against culprits, however, the Respondents have failed and neglected to do so in defiance of their statutory and constitutional duty and functions.

4.2 The State of Maharashtra on 16.04.2025 and 17.06.2025 issued Government Resolutions on three language policy in primary schools. Consequently, Raj Thackeray has been making fiery speeches from time to time, thereby promoting enmity between different groups on the ground of place of birth, residence and language which is prejudicial not only to the maintenance of harmony, but also endangering to sovereignly, unity and integrity of India. The speeches made by him instigate people to come on the street and something which was started as opposing Hindi, has led to Marathi being imposed on people who do not speak Marathi or have come from other states.

4.3 In a rally organized on or about 05.07.2025 as *Awaj Marathicha*, he justified people who do not speak Marathi to hit below their eardrums. He went to the extent of claiming that those living in the states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan etc.



which are Hindi speaking states in the country are economically backward states and if Hindi could not solve the economic problems in those states, then how it's imposition in the State of Maharashtra would solve the problems. Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Home Minister was also not spared and he was named in his speech quoting him that people who can speak only in English would soon be feeling ashamed on what the Home Minister wanted to convey that the other languages in the country will equally create job opportunities. The video/news of the said rally and speeches of Raj Thackeray was widely circulated/published in print/electronic/social media and thus, the same are in public domain and well within the knowledge of law enforcing agencies/ Respondents herein. One of such video can be seen on <https://youtube.com/shorts/4DoBd-mINPY/si=iU2E-BIYBQuP3zmn>. True copy of such newspaper reports in this regard is annexed herewith and marked as **ANNEXURE P/3 (Pages 40-61 )**

- 4.4 With regard to an incident in which a businessman from Rajasthan was beaten up for not able to speak in Marathi and which had led to a massive outrage and agitation in Mira Road, Dist. Thane by the business community and according to Raj Thackeray, these are trailer and if it is not stopped, then his people would definitely hit below their eardrums. He cautioned his party workers not to record

the videos of people being assaulted for not speaking Marathi, but according to him, those who are beaten up would themselves speak of they being beaten up by his party workers. Raj Thackeray even used an abusive and un-parliamentary language in his speech and he claimed that if Maharashtra is quiet, the Central government will move forward. Raj Thackeray and his goons whom he claims to be his party workers are leaving no stone unturned to insult, humiliate, beat-up and terrorize people from Hindi speaking states such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan etc. who are living in Mumbai and/or doing their business and/or working for gains. His love for Marathi is 'seasonal'. Raj Thackeray thinks that by invoking the Marathi pride, he and Uddhav Thackeray could do wonders by consolidating Marathi votes and then winning the Mumbai Municipal Corporation election which has reportedly presented a budget of Rs.74,427.41 crores for the financial year 2025-26. The love and affection of Raj Thackeray is not for Marathi language but with an eye on Mumbai Municipal Corporation elections and these tantrums are blown out of proportion with oblique and ulterior motive of gaining advantage in the forthcoming municipal corporation elections in the city of Mumbai.

**4.5**Media reports revealed that even in the past from time to time Raj Thackeray and his political outfit/political works have indulged in

such illegal activities against non-Marathi people and as matter of fact, few months back, at the instance of Raj Thackeray, his political workers started visiting offices/business establishment to found as to whether the works therein are conducted in Marathi language or otherwise and in the process, they barged into a bank assaulted and beaten up a bank employee on account of he being unable to speak Marathi. Similar incidents had taken place in respect of a security guard and then a delivery boy working with Zomato. True Copy of newspapers reports in this regard is hereto annexed and marked as **ANNEXURE P/4 (Pages 62-80 )**

- 4.6 Since Raj Thackeray is indulging into promoting enmity between different groups and is doing it purposely or knowingly, he excites subversive activities and encouraging feeling of separatist activities and thereby endangers the sovereignty, unity and integrity of the country which is punishable with imprisonment for life or imprisonment which may extent to seven years and is also liable for fine u/s.152 of BNS. Inciting party workers/goons to assault below the eardrum of those who cannot speak Marathi, however, claiming that this is an insult to Marathi is nothing sort of promoting enmity between different groups on the ground of place of birth, residence, language which is prejudicial to maintenance of harmony and which is punishable u/s. 196 of BNS and the punishment thereunder may

extent to five years and shall also be liable to fine. Creating divide between different states on the basis of language, beating up people who are migrants and are settled in the city of Mumbai and/or other parts of Maharashtra for ages for earning their livelihood is prejudicial to national integration and which is punishable u/s. 197 of BNS which provides for punishment of imprisonment which may extent up to five years. Article 19 (d) of the Constitution of India gives freedom to move freely throughout the territory of India and Article 19 (e) gives freedom to reside and settle in any part of the territory of India. There is no law for the time being in force that a person who decides to reside or settle down in any part of the territory of India must necessarily be able to speak the language of that State where he decides to reside and/or settle.

- 4.7 There is not even a single case of disrespect shown by anybody in the State of Maharashtra/city of Mumbai or for that matter any other State for Marathi language. Hindi and Marathi – both are Devanagari scripts and Marathi is considered to be the younger sister of Hindi. Both Marathi and Hindi are two rich languages of our country and every citizen must take pride of the two languages being in existence for centuries and there has never been any conflict and there can never be any conflict as there are hundreds of words which are similar in both the languages. The rift which is

sought to be created on the basis of language and so called Marathi pride is certainly not for any avowed object which is sought to be achieved but such subversive activities which could lead to there being disharmony between different States is certainly an extremely dangerous emerging trend and which needs to be nipped in the bud forthwith or otherwise, it could escalate because of political aspiration of people like Raj Thackeray and his political party. Since the incitement by Raj Thackeray through his speeches, which is likely to cause fear or alarm to the public or to a section of the public and those people may be induced to commit an offence against the State or against the public tranquillity. Raj Thackeray since has been making public statements, giving speeches and has been spreading false information/rumours through electronic means with intent to incite and which is likely to incite a class or community of persons to commit any offence against any other class or community, he can be punished with imprisonment which may extent up to three years or with fine or with both. Thus, the aforesaid acts of omissions of and commissions of Raj Thackeray and his political outfit/goons constitute the offences punishable u/s 353 (i) (b) and 353 (i) (c) of B.N.S.

- 4.8 Since Raj Thackeray has been making statements which are false to his knowledge in as much as his claiming that Hindi was not in

existence at the time of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, completely being oblivious of the fact that the renowned Hindi poet, popularly known as “Kavi Bhushan” from Uttar Pradesh wrote about the glory of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and the fear under which the Mughals would live during Chhatrapati Shivaji’s regime and all the poetries were written in Hindi and, therefore, the information which Raj Thackeray is seeking to spread are false to his knowledge and since this is done with intent to create and promote or which is likely to promote public mischief on the ground of place of birth, residence, language, community etc., he could be punished with imprisonment which may extend to three years, which is punishable under Section 353 (2) of BNS.

- 4.9** Since from the very inception of forming his political outfit, viz. Maharashtra Navnirman Sena, Raj Thackeray has been time and again indulging in such similar activities and thereby he and his political outfit amongst others have been endangering sovereignty, unity and integrity of India, it is high time that his political outfit viz. Maharashtra Navnirman Sena is de-registered and de-notified by withdrawing its recognition by the Election Commission of India/ State Election Commission. Consequently, the Petitioner vide his letter dated 10.07.2025 addressed to the Respondents filed a complaint against Raj Thackeray and his political outfit and goons

in the form of his political workers, however till date no cognizance thereof has been taken by the Respondents and in the process, even directions issued by this Hon'ble Court in the matter of *Lalita Kumari V/s. State of U.P.-(2014) 2 SCC 1*, *Tehseen S. Poonawala V/s. Union of India and Ors.-(2018) 9 SCC 501* and *Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay V/s. Union of India- Writ Petition (Civil) No. 943/2021* have been flouted by the Respondent Nos. 1 to 5 with complete impunity. True copy of letter dated 10.07.2025 is annexed herewith and marked as **ANNEXURE P/5 Pages 81-91**

### **GROUND/SUBMISSIONS**

- (A) The majesty of law cannot be sullied simply because an individual like Raj Thackeray and/or his group of people like his political workers generated the attitude that people of other States who have settled in Maharashtra must speak Marathi and in the event of they being not able to speak Marathi, they hurt and offend the pride of Maharashtra and/or Marathi people and gradually take law into their own hands. Such activities of Raj Thackeray and his so-called political workers, if not stopped forthwith, will in no time assume the character of complete lawlessness and resultantly, people will be prone to take law in their own hands, which would be inconceivable

in a civilized society that respects the fundamental tendency of the rule of law;

- (B) Such tendencies and ideas of Raj Thackeray and his so-called political worker not only create a dent in the majesty and authority of law but are also absolutely obnoxious, as the same are an affront on the sovereignty, integrity and unity of India;
- (C) This Hon'ble Court being ultimate saviour of fundamental rights of the people of country and thus, having its duty and powers under the constitutional frame work to deal with the issue of mob violence or targeted violence and commission of offence affecting human body and against private and public property by mob under the garb of self-appointed protectors of the pride of Maharashtra, is being approached by the Petitioner in larger public interest, because, the administration/law enforcing agencies have failed to perform their statutory duty and function of taking action against Raj Thackeray and his so called political workers;
- (D) From facts stated in the representation dated 10.07.2025 made by the Petitioner to the Respondents, it can be clearly seen that there are numerous incidents of lynching and mob violence by Raj Thackeray and his so called political workers against non-Maharashtrian people and more particularly, people from Hindi Speaking states/north Indians who live in Maharashtra and mainly in the cities of Mumbai,



Thane, Raigad, Pune etc. by branding them outsiders, at regular intervals and since their such tendencies and activities are not only suppressive to plurality of voices, which celebrates the constitutional idea of liberal democracy, but also, the same are an affront on sovereignty, integrity and unity of India, and hence, the same need to be nipped in bud with iron hands by this Hon'ble Court;

(E) It is the foremost duty of the Respondent Nos. 1 to 5 to ensure that people of other States who have been living and/or doing business and/or gainfully employed in the State of Maharashtra and more particularly, in the cities of Mumbai and adjoining areas which are considered to be Mini India, are not targeted by mob violence at the instance of Raj Thackeray and his political outfit, because, if such illegal activities of Raj Thackeray and/or his people are not totally curbed, the same would lead to absolute chaos and lawlessness, which cannot be countenanced;

(F) It is the responsibility and statutory obligations of the State Administration, both State and Centre that any activity of an individual and/or group of people and/or association including political outfit like Maharashtra Navnirman Sena, which not only offends pluralistic character of our country and constitutional schemes but also which tends to endanger sovereignty, integrity and unity of India, is dealt with iron hands promptly, as any delay and/or inaction on the part of

the State Administration in this regard, are bound to result in complete anarchy, which cannot be countenanced;

- (G) The law enforcing agencies of the State have great responsibility not only to register the First Information Report after incidents takes place which have been reported widely in social, print and electronic social media, but also to see that Raj Thackeray and his so called political workers do not take law into their own hands and indulge in mob violence and lynching and vigilantism against non-Marathi speaking people in the State and assault and beat up such people who are not able to speak Marathi language and in the process, it is obligation even of the Central Government to issue direction to the State Government to take necessary steps so that concept co-operative federalism sustained and remain stable and the same is not destroyed by such acts of Raj Thackeray and people of his political outfits;
- (H) Raj Thackeray and his so called political workers have no right to take law into their own hands and resort to violence targeted against individuals who hail from other States, however, have been living in Maharashtra merely because they are unable to speak Marathi language and therefore, to curb such illegal activities effectively, there is an urgent need to take strict action against Raj Thackeray and his political outfit/so called political workers, as has been sought in

the representation dated 10.07.2025 made by the Petitioner to the Respondents;

- (I) No individuals or vigilant group like Raj Thackeray and/or his so called political workers can engage themselves in an activity of violence and lynching on the basis of perception that a person who is not able to speak Marathi language offends the pride of Maharashtra and further perception that every person who lives in Maharashtra must speak Marathi language and therefore, supremacy of law needs to be recognized and such kind of violence and lynching by Raj Thackeray and his so called political works has to be curbed by the State Administration and no excuse given by the Respondents can be tolerated, as has been held by this Hon'ble Court in the matter of **Shakti Vahini V/s. Union of India (2018) 7 SCC 192;**

- (J) As can be seen from the assertions made in the petition and also newspaper reports, cuttings whereof have been annexed to the petition, there have been constant incidents of violence and lynching by Raj Thackeray and his political outfits and political workers upon people from other States who live in Maharashtra and such non-Marathi speaking people have become victims of targeted violence which mainly originates under the guise of protecting the pride of Maharashtra but annihilated with an idea to gain political mileage at the cost of endangering the sovereignty, integrity and unity of India

and thus, it is the obligation of the Respondent No.1 to 5 to take immediate action warranted in law to stop such activities of Raj Thackeray and his political outfits and his so called political workers;

(K) Even Article 256 and 257 of the Constitution of India mandate the Respondent No.1 to issue directions to the Respondent No. 2 to take necessary steps to ensure that by such incidents at the hands of Raj Thackeray, which endanger or tend to endanger sovereignty, integrity and unity of India, are not tolerated and to take immediate action warranted in law to stop such activities;

(L) The States have onerous duty to see that no individual or any core group like Raj Thackeray and/or his political outfits take law into their own hands on novel idea of protecting the pride of Maharashtra by resorting to assault and beat up the people of other States, who live in Maharashtra, however, are unable to speak Marathi language;

(M) Since it is the duty of the States, as has been held by this Hon'ble Court in the matter of *Nandini Sundar V/s. State of Chhatisgarh-* *(2011) 7 SCC 547* to strive, incessantly and consistently, to promote fraternity amongst all citizens so that the dignity of every citizen is protected, nourished and promoted, however, such onerous duty cannot be performed by the States unless and until, such tendencies of people like Raj Thackeray are dealt with iron hands by the States;

- (N) Since this Hon'ble Court in the matter of **Mohammed Haroon V/s. Union of India-(2014) 5 SCC 252** has clearly held that it is the responsibility of the State administration in association with the intelligence agency of both the State and Centre to prevent recurrence of criminal violence in any part of the State and if any Officer responsible for maintaining law and order is found negligent, he/she should be brought within the ambit of law, the Respondent Nos. 3 to 5 owe duty to explain this Hon'ble Court on affidavit as what action have been taken by them on the representation dated 10.07.2015 made by the Petitioner to them to curb the incidents of assaults and beatings by Raj Thackeray and his so called political workers of the people of other States who are unable speak Marathi language and in the event of the Respondent Nos. 3 to 5 being unable to give satisfactory explanation to this Hon'ble Court, action needs to be taken against them for they having failed to perform their statutory duty and function and even having violated the directions issued by this Hon'ble Court in the matters of *Lalita Kumari V/s. State of U.P.-(2014) 2 SCC 1*, *Tehseen S. Poonawala V/s. Union of India and Ors.-(2018) 9 SCC 501* and *Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay V/s. Union of India-Writ Petition (Civil) No. 943/2021*;
- (O) The States' authorities which are conferred with the responsibility of maintaining law and order in the States have principal obligation to

see that incidents of assaults and beatings of non-Maharashtrian people by Raj Thackeray/his so called political workers at the instance and provocation to that effect by Raj Thackeray on any perception, are prevented and when people like Raj Thackeray and his political workers take law into their own hands, then appropriate prompt and strict action is taken;

- (P) Acts of assaults and beatings by Raj Thackeray and/or his so called political workers at his instance of the people of other States merely because they are unable to speak Marathi language, are affronts to the rule of law and to the exalted values of the Constitution itself and such unruly and barbaric violence out of incitement and instigation cannot be allowed to become the order of the day;
- (Q) Such illegal activities of Raj Thackeray and/or by his political workers at his instance, if not curbed completely and promptly, the same are not only bound to undermine the authority of States and altering the constitutional order, but also, the same would lead to rise of anarchy and lawlessness which would plague and corrode the nation like an epidemic, which cannot countenanced.
- (R) The tumultuous dark clouds of such illegal activities of Raj Thackeray and/or by his political workers at his instance have effect of shrouding the glorious ways of democracy leading to tragic breakdown of the law and transgressing all forms of civility and humanity and therefore,

unless such activities are curbed promptly with iron hands, day is not far when such monstrosity in the name upholding the pride of Maharashtra are bound to assume the shape of the huge cataclysm, which cannot be countenanced;

- (S) Such activities of assaults and beatings by Raj Thackeray and/or his so called political workers at his instance of the people of other States merely because they are unable to speak Marathi language, are in direct violation of the quintessential spirit of the rule of law and of the exalted faith of tolerance and humanity;
- (T) Mob violence by Raj Thackeray and/or his so called political workers at his instance against the people of other States merely because they are unable to speak Marathi language, needs to be prevented by the States machineries by taking strict actions, as such illegal acts give rise to intolerance and such polarizations would tends to endanger sovereignty, integrity and unity of India;
- (U) Such mob violence/lynching by Raj Thackeray and/or his so called workers at his instance against the people of other States merely because they are unable to speak Marathi language, cannot be permitted to become the normal way of life and/or the normal state of law and order in the country, as good governance and nation building require sustenance of law and order which is intricately linked to the preservation of the marrows of our social structure and therefore, in

such a situation, the State has a sacrosanct duty to protect its citizens from unruly elements and perpetrators of orchestrated mob violence to gain political mileage, with utmost sincerity and true commitment to address and curb such incidents and same must reflect in its actions and schemes, which, however, the States have failed in the instant matter;

- (V) Such mob violence and hate crimes by Raj Thackeray and/or his so called political workers at his instance against the people of other States merely because they are unable to speak Marathi language, which are noting sort of intolerance, ideological dominance and prejudice, ought not be tolerated at all, least it results in a reign of terror, which cannot be countenanced;
- (W) Such mob violence and hate crimes by Raj Thackeray and/or his so called political workers at his instance against the people of other States merely because they are unable to speak Marathi language, which are noting sort of fabricated identity with bigoted approach sans acceptance of plurality and diversity, results in proactive sentiments and display of reactionary, retributive attitude transforming itself into dehumanization of human beings and such an atmosphere in which rational debate, logical discussion, sound administration of law eludes thereby manifesting clear danger to various freedoms including freedom of speech and expression and therefore, such illegal activities



being very detrimental to the national integrity and unity, need to be curbed with iron hands by the Respondents;

- (X) Since the State has a positive obligation to protect the life and property of all citizens and also their fundamental rights of freedom irrespective of their race, caste, class, creed or religion and the State has primary responsibility to foster a pluralistic and multicultural social order so as to allow free play of ideas and beliefs and coexistence of mutually contradictory prospectives and since aforesaid illegal activities of people like Raj Thackeray are great hinderance in the way State to fulfill its such obligations, the same need to be nipped in the bud with utmost sense of urgency and sincerity;
- (Y) Stifling free voices by the mob violence by Raj Thackeray and/or his so called political workers at his instance against the people of other States merely because they are unable to speak Marathi language, can never bode well for true democracy and therefore, in order to build societies, which embrace diversity, which is essential for a vibrant democracy and to rebuild trust of citizenry in the State machinery, strict action needs to be taken against such elements like Raj Thackeray, who endanger the sovereignty, integrity and unity of India;
- (Z) The sovereignty, integrity and unity of India can be preserved and maintained by inculcating tendency of fellowship amongst all citizens

of the of our country by upholding dignity, liberty and respect for the people of different States, castes, creeds and religions and use of multiple languages, which are under serious danger due to the aforesaid illegal deeds of Raj Thackeray and his political outfit and his so called political workers

(AA) This Hon'ble Court in the matter of **St. Stephen's College V/s. University of Delhi-(1992) 1 SCC 558**, while emphasizing on significance of 'Unity in Diversity', has observed that the aim of our constitution is unity in diversity and to impede any fissiparous tendencies for enriching the unity amongst Indians by assimilating the diversities and such diversity in its conative expanse of term includes geographical religions, linguistic, racial and cultural differences, it is absolutely necessary to underscore that India represent social, religious and cultural diversity, and that being the case, the aforesaid illegal activities of Raj Thackeray in terms of what have been stated in the petition and representation dated 10.07.2025 made by the Petitioners to the Respondents cannot be countenanced;

(BB) This Hon'ble Court in the matter of **State of Karnataka V/s. Praveen Bhai Thogadia-(2004) 4 SCC 684**, has stressed the need for 'Unity and Diversity' treating it as the ideal way of life considering that our nation is unification of people coming from diverse cultures, religions and races and therefore, it is imperative that if any individual or group

of persons, who by their acts or caustic and inflammatory speech are bent upon sowing seeds of mutual hatred, and their proposed activities are likely to create disharmony and disturb equilibrium, sacrificing public peace and tranquility, strong actions and more so preventing actions are essentially and vitally needed to be taken, and that being the case, recognition of the political outfit of Raj Thackeray viz. Maharashtra Navnirman Sena needs to be withdrawn by the Respondent Nos. 6 and 7;

(CC) In the matter of in the matter of **State of Karnataka V/s. Praveen Bhai Thogadia** (*supra*) this Hon'ble Court has further held that any speech or action which would result in ostracization of communal harmony, would destroy all those high values which the Constitution aims at and ultimate goals of all laws and State actions have one common object, that is to promote well-being and larger interest of society as a whole and not of any individual or particular group of people carrying any brand names, as is being perceived by Raj Thackeray;

(DD) 'Unity in Diversity' must be recognized as the most potent weapon in India's armory, which binds different and varied kinds of people in the solemn thread of unity and it cannot be forgotten that this diversity is strength of our nation and for realizing this strength, it is sine qua non that we sustain it and shun schismatic tendencies, which are being pursuit and nourished by Raj Thackeray and his political outfit;

- (EE) Since pluralism and tolerance are essential virtues and constitute the building blocks of a truly and free democratic society which is aimed at under our constitutional schemes and since a dynamic contemporary constitutional democracy imbibes in itself the essential feature of accommodating pluralism in thought and approach so as to preserve cohesiveness and unity, however, since the aforesaid illegal activities of Raj Thackeray and his political outfit/political workers are anathema to the aforesaid virtues and values, which pose serious threat and danger to the sovereignty, integrity and unity of India and therefore, the same need to be curbed fully with the sense of utmost urgency and necessity;
- (FF) Such mob violence and hate crimes by Raj Thackeray and/or his so called political workers at his instance against the people of other States merely because they are unable to speak Marathi language, arising out of dogmatic mind set and in fact, to gain political mileage sows the seeds of upheaval and are detrimental to sovereignty, integrity and unity of India and therefore, the same need to curbed at every cost;
- (GG) The right to life and liberty is considered to be paramount and such right of paramount importance of the people of other States, who live in Maharashtra, are being jeopardized by Raj Thackeray and/or his so called political workers, merely because such people are unable to

speak Marathi language and therefore, democratic governments and their instrumentalities and more particularly, its law enforcing agencies, are under statutory obligation to take stern and prompt actions against Raj Thackeray and/or his so called political outfit and political workers, as is sought by the Petitioner in his representation dated 10.07.2025;

(HH) There cannot a right higher than the right to live with dignity and further to be treated with humanness that the law provides and what law provides may be taken away by lawful means and not otherwise; that is the fundamental concept of law and no one is entitled to shake the said fundamental concept of law, however, the illegal activities of Raj Thackeray and his political outfit/political workers have chilling effect on the said paramount right of life of the people of other States, who live in Maharashtra and since the Respondents have constitutional and statutory duty to protect the right to life of people, it is high time that such highhanded and illegal acts of Raj Thackeray and his political outfit/political workers which constitute crimes, are curbed with immediate effect;

(II) There cannot be denial that the act of violence and lynching by Raj Thackeray and his political outfit/political workers against the people of other States, who live in Maharashtra, however, are unable to speak Marathi language, is unlawful act and in fact, the same constitutes

serious cognizable offences, as described in the representation dated 10.07.2025 made by the Petitioner to the Respondents and therefore, it is the constitutional and statutory duty and obligation of the Respondents not only to prevent such crimes, but also to punish such criminal elements;

(JJ) If the aforesaid illegal acts of Raj Thackeray and his political outfit/political workers are not curbed with iron hands with immediate effect and instead, the same are permitted to escalate further, there is every possibility of the same leading to an atmosphere of bloodshed and tears, which under no circumstances can be countenanced;

(KK) It is because of the complete failure of the Respondents, Raj Thackeray and his political outfit/political workers have been indulging in aforesaid illegal activities and thereby they have been endangering to the sovereignty, integrity and unity of India and since such failure on the part of the Respondents have resulted in jeopardizing the right to life of the people of other States, who live in Maharashtra, however, are unable to speak Marathi language, this Hon'ble Court being ultimate saviour of the fundamental right of the people has been approached by the Petitioner;

(LL) Since, in our country, politic has now become lucrative business of gaining name, fame, power and huge wealth within very short span of time and with no much legitimate and hard work, there have been

mushrooming of political outfits all over the country at local/regional levels and such political outfits and its political leaders/supremos like Raj Thackeray in order to establish its supremacy at local level and to sustain its powers by retaining regional vote banks of their own sect, caste, creed, race, community and religion do not hesitate even in indulging in divisive politics and resort all sorts of illegal activities thereby have been endangering the sovereignty, integrity and unity of India, as is being done by Raj Thackeray in the present case and therefore it is high time that the Election Commission of India and all the State Election Commissions are directed by this Hon'ble Court to formulate some policies to have control and watch on such illegal activities of such political outfits and if such political outfits are found in such illegal activities which may jeopardize the right to life, liberty and freedom of people and endanger or tends to endanger the sovereignty, integrity and unity of India, then their recognition is withdrawn by the Election Commissions. Since, in under the existing law there is vacuum in this regard, and therefore, there is an urgent need to issue guidelines by this Hon'ble Court so that such tendencies, activities and attitudes of political outfits which endanger the sovereignty, integrity and unity of India, are nipped in the bud.

5. The Petitioner states that on account of there being extreme urgency in the matter, he has filed the present petition hurriedly and thus, it is

quite possible that certain important aspects might have been missed out and hence, the Petitioner craves leave of this Hon'ble Court to add, alter, amend, delete and/or rescind any of the averments and/or submissions mentioned hereinabove, as and when such need arises.

6. The Petitioner states and submits that he has not filed any other petition either in this Hon'ble Court or in any other court/s of India, touching the subject matter of the present petition.

### **PRAYERS**

Under the circumstances, the petitioner therefore, most humbly prays that this Hon'ble Court may be most graciously pleased to:-

- (a) issue writ of Mandamus and/or any other appropriate writ, order and/or direction in the nature of Mandamus thereby directing the Respondents to forthwith take cognizance of the representation dated 10.07.2025 made by the Petitioner to them and to register an FIR against Raj Thackeray and his concerned political workers in the light of the said representation dated 10.07.2025 Petitioner;
- (b) Issue writ of Mandamus and/or any other appropriate writ, order and/or direction in the nature of Mandamus



thereby directing the Respondents to forthwith take necessary steps in the light of directions issued by this Hon'ble Court in the matters of *Lalita Kumari V/s. State of U.P.-(2014) 2 SCC 1*, *Tehseen S. Poonawala V/s. Union of India and Ors.-(2018) 9 SCC 501* and *Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay V/s. Union of India- Writ Petition (Civil) No. 943/2021*; to ensure that incidents of such mob violence and lynching by Raj Thackeray and his political outfit/political workers do not take place and the same are dealt with iron hands by the Respondents;

- (c) direct the Election Commission of India and Election Commission of all the States in the Country to formulate a scheme/policy in coordination with each others to have watch and control on such illegal activities of political outfits/political parties of the country, which endanger or tend to endanger sovereignty, integrity and unity of India and withdraw recognition of such political parties, which are found indulging in such illegal and unlawful acts and Election Commission of India and Election Commission of all the States in the Country be further

directed to submit their report in respect thereof before this Hon'ble Court, within such reasonable time, as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper;

(d) direct the Respondent Nos. 6 and 7 to withdraw recognition of political outfit of Raj Thackeray viz. Maharashtra Navnirman Sena;

(e) pass such other and further order or orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the present case;

AND FOR THIS ACT OF KINDNESS, THE PETITIONER SHALL AS DUTY BOUND EVER PRAY.

PLACE: NEW DELHI

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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**  
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IN THE MATTER OF:

Ghanshyam Dayalu Upadhyay

...Petitioner

V/s.

Union of India & Ors.

...Respondents

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Ghanshyam Dayalu Upadhyay S/o. Late Sh. Dayalu Upadhyay aged about 55 years Indian Inhabitant, Occupation Advocate, having his office at 506, Arcadia Premises, 195, NCPA Road, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400021, the abovenamed Petitioner in the above petition do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:

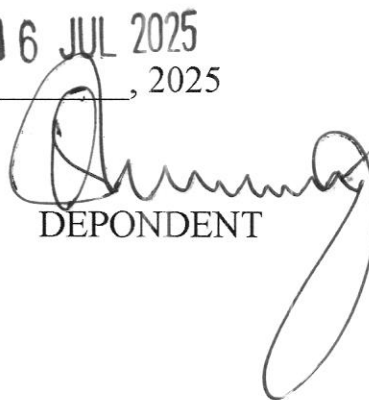
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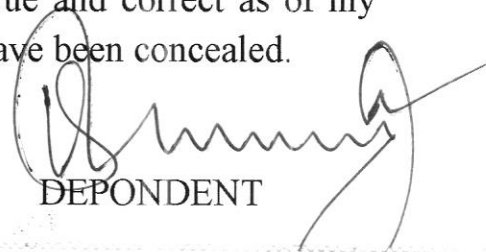
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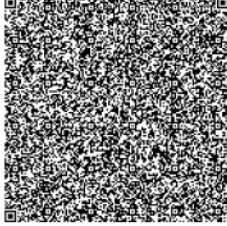



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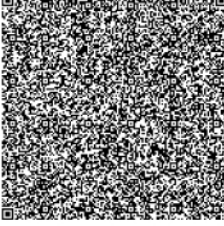
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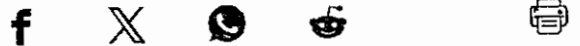
# MNS workers assault Thane shopowner for not speaking Marathi, booked; party leaders defend accused

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Originally from Rajasthan, Choudhary has been running the shop on rent for over a year and employs eight workers.

A DAY after the video of a 48-year-old sweet shopowner in Mumbai's Mira Road being assaulted allegedly by a group of men affiliated to the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena for not



speaking Marathi went viral, senior MNS leaders on Wednesday defended the action of the party workers. The police on Tuesday registered an FIR against seven persons on a complaint by the shopowner and issued notices to three of them.

Meanwhile, Minister of State for Home Yogesh Kadam, while condemning the incident and urging people not to take the law into their hands, said, "The government will not tolerate disrespect towards Marathi language."

According to the FIR registered at the Kashimira police station in Mira-Bhayander on Tuesday, the incident occurred around 10:35 pm on June 29 at 'Jodhpur Sweets and Namkeen', a shop located in a busy area of Mira Road (East). The shopowner, Baboolal Khimaji Choudhary, a resident of Bhayander (East), stated in the FIR that seven unidentified men, aged between 20 and 30, entered his shop. Five of them were wearing scarves bearing the MNS name and symbol, he said.

In his complaint, Choudhary stated, "They asked me my identity. When I told them I was the owner, they claimed a proposal had been passed in the Maharashtra Assembly requiring all businesses to hire Marathi-speaking staff and operate in Marathi. When I asked them when such a proposal was passed, they said 'two days ago' and then asked me which official language is spoken in Maharashtra. When I responded that all languages are spoken in the state, they became aggressive and started assaulting me."

Originally from Rajasthan, Choudhary has been running the shop on rent for over a year and employs eight workers. "My business runs from 7 am to 11 pm daily, and it supports my entire family. What happened that night was terrifying," he added.

The police have identified the three persons seen hitting the shopowner in the viral video as Karan Kandangire (31), a resident of Mira Bhayander and MNS's deputy city chief; Pramod Nilekat, party's Vaahtuk Sena district organiser; and Akshay Dalvi, an MNS worker from Dahisar in Mumbai.

Police have registered a case under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) pertaining to assault, criminal intimidation, intentional insult, and promoting enmity based on language. "We have registered an FIR and issued notices to the three accused," said Rajendra Kamble, senior police inspector of Kashimira police station. The accused remain at large.

When contacted, Kandangire said, "We will not tolerate insult to Marathi. File FIRs or charge

us with false sections, we are not afraid.”

MNS leaders defended the action of the party workers. “Our people were celebrating after the GR on the three-language policy was withdrawn by the government, when some of our workers went to the shop to purchase water bottles. The shopowner insulted Marathi that led to an argument,” MNS leader and party spokesperson Sandip Deshpande said.

Sandeep Rane, Mira Bhayander city chief of MNS, said, “Our party workers were celebrating the withdrawal of the GR. The shopkeeper started asking why were we celebrating and insulted Marathi language and people.”

Kadam condemned the incident. “For the past several months, there’s been a controversy around Hindi and Marathi. Some are using this issue ahead of the municipal elections. I urge everyone not to take the law into their hands. Marathi should be respected, but any grievance should be reported to the police,” Kadam said.

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# Row over language turns violent in India's richest state

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Police in Mumbai detain a woman who was participating in a protest this week against alleged injustice to Marathi speakers. For weeks, a battle over language and identity has been raging in India's richest state, Maharashtra.

The row began in April after the Maharashtra government made it compulsory for state-run primary schools to teach Hindi as a third language, apart from English and Marathi (the state's dominant language). This, it said, was in line with a federal policy which mandates that children be taught three languages in school.

The National Education Policy (NEP), introduced in 1968, aims to promote and regulate education in India and the government updates it occasionally. The latest

iteration of the policy, introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government five years ago, is being implemented in stages and has run into controversy earlier.

The Maharashtra government's decision met fierce opposition from civil society groups, language activists and opposition leaders who accused it of trying to impose Hindi - predominantly spoken in northern and central Indian states - in the state.

Language is a sensitive issue in India where many states, including Maharashtra, were formed on linguistic lines after independence. The local language is often intrinsically linked to regional pride and identity, and any change to the status quo can be perceived as a threat. For instance, last year, Kannada-language activists in Bengaluru, often called India's Silicon Valley, held protests demanding that billboards be written in the local language and not just English.

But the uneasiness is especially high when it comes to Hindi, the most-spoken language in India. Over the years, steps by various federal governments to promote Hindi have fuelled fears within non-Hindi speaking states that the local culture will be diluted. These worries have been exacerbated by high migration from less-developed Hindi-speaking states to other parts of India, especially the south, in search of jobs.

Abhay Deshpande, a political analyst, says that these anxieties have increased after the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) came to power in 2014. Top leaders of the BJP - the party is stronger in Hindi-speaking states - have often courted controversy by making remarks about privileging Hindi.

As tensions rose in Maharashtra, the state government - ruled by a BJP-led coalition - revoked its decision and appointed a committee to re-examine the three-language policy. But the controversy refuses to die down.

The row comes months ahead of the long-overdue municipal polls which are set to be held in the state, including in Mumbai city, home to India's richest municipal corporation. It has sparked a political slugfest between the ruling coalition and opposition parties, with each side accusing the other of playing political games.



Thackeray (left) and Uddhav Thackeray (right) set aside their two-decade long political rivalry to protest against alleged Hindi imposition  
There have also been reports of violence against non-Marathi speakers in the state.

Marathi.

The same month, a security guard in Mumbai was allegedly beaten up by workers from the opposition Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) - a nativist party known for its aggressive brand of politics - after he said that he did not know Marathi.

In May, a couple in Mumbai reportedly refused to pay a delivery agent after he declined to speak in Marathi. Last week, a shocking video showing a shop owner being assaulted, allegedly by MNS workers, for not speaking Marathi went viral on social media, sparking outrage.

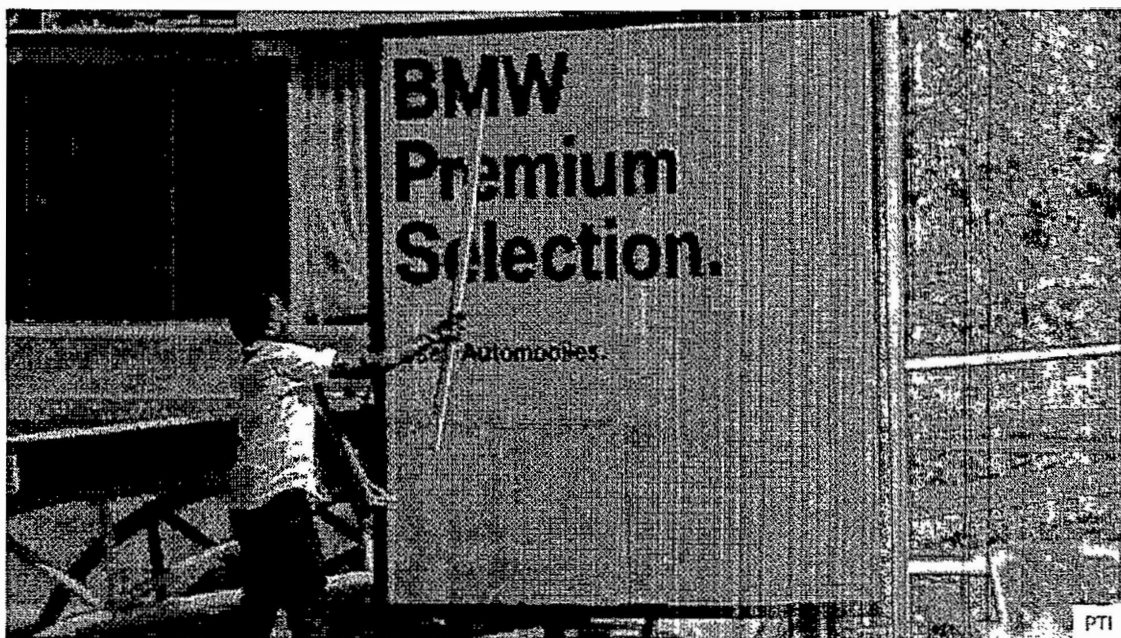
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While the issue seems to have increased societal divisions, it has also brought together two political rivals almost two decades after they parted ways.

Last week, Uddhav Thackeray, chief of the local opposition Shiv Sena (UBT) party and Raj Thackeray, leader of the MNS - the son and nephew, respectively, of Bal Thackeray, patriarch of the erstwhile Shiv Sena, a Hindu nationalist party that gained popularity in Maharashtra in the 1960s with its nativist politics - held a joint rally to oppose alleged Hindi imposition.

While the strength of the truce remains to be seen, experts say that the optics of the cousins putting aside differences to "protect Marathi pride" could help their prospects in the upcoming municipal elections.

"The issue of Marathi language and culture is close to peoples' hearts," says Prashant Dixit, a former political journalist who has reported on the state for over two decades. "It is an emotive issue, especially for people living in Mumbai, and it has been so since the 1960s," he adds.



Last year, Kannada-language activists in Bengaluru tore down billboards written in English

In the 1960s and 1970s, the erstwhile Shiv Sena, under the leadership of Bal Thackeray, conducted aggressive campaigns against people who had migrated to

Mumbai from southern states, accusing them of taking up jobs that should have gone to locals.

In the decades after that, migration patterns changed and the party turned its ire towards people from northern states who were migrating to the city in search of economic opportunities. The party blamed migrants from states such as Uttar Pradesh and Bihar for taking away jobs.

These tensions look set to continue. According to data from India's last census, there was a 40% increase in Mumbai city's Hindi-speaking population between 2001 and 2011.

These Marathi-centric agitations have earlier resonated with voters, especially in Mumbai, and some believe that it could help the Thackeray cousins in the municipal elections as well.

However, many have criticised this approach.

An editorial in the Indian Express newspaper titled 'Slap In Mumbai's Face' argued that politics centred around linguistic identity was "deeply troubling" and that its parochialism lent itself to violence, something that "should have no place in India's most industrialised state".

Mr Dixit agrees - he thinks that any support garnered by aggressive language agitations is likely to be short-lived.

"People want their leaders to deliver on their promises and focus on real progress, in the form of better jobs and policies, so that life is better for everyone," he says.

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Amid violence against Hindi-speaking people, Maharashtra minister and BJP leader Ashish Shelar on Sunday (July 6, 2025) drew parallels between the Pahalgam terror attack and the beating of "Hindus" in Mumbai in a veiled attack on the reunion of the Thackeray cousins.

The senior BJP leader's remarks come amid an outrage caused by Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) activists thrashing a sweet shop owner in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region for not speaking Marathi.

On Saturday, MNS workers damaged the glass door of Mumbai-based share market investor Sushil Kedia's office in Worli after he declared he would not speak Marathi and dared the party chief Raj Thackeray.

## **People being attacked based on language: BJP**

The row over speaking Marathi is escalating into a major political flashpoint ahead of the civic polls.

"In the Pahalgam terror attack, people were asked about their religion [by terrorists] before shooting them. Here, people are being attacked based on their language, which is disappointing.

"The State is watching how these leaders are enjoying other Hindus being beaten up," Mr. Shelar told reporters when asked about attacks on Hindi-speaking people allegedly by MNS workers.

With MNS resorting to street-fighting over Marathi, actor and singer Dinesh Lal Yadav, popularly known as Nirahua, has dared the Thackeray cousins to drive him out of Maharashtra for speaking in Bhojpuri.

"I am giving an open challenge. I do not speak Marathi. I speak Bhojpuri, and I am staying in Maharashtra. Why are you driving poor people out? If you have the courage then drive me out. I am giving you a challenge, even in Mumbai," he told reporters.

## **Thackeray cousins' reunion unnerved Mahayuti: Raut**

Uddhav and Raj Thackeray shared a stage after nearly 20 years for the cause of the Marathi language and vowed to oppose the "imposition" of Hindi in Maharashtra after the State government rolled back the GRs on the introduction of Hindi as a third language in primary schools.

Slamming the BJP, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut said the coming together of the Thackerays has unnerved ruling Mahayuti leaders, including Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.



Targeting Mr. Fadnavis who had claimed that Uddhav Thackeray delivered a “rudali” (professional mourner) like speech at the joint rally, Mr. Raut said, “Fadnavis and [Deputy CM Eknath] Shinde should start a weeping programme now [with the two Thackeray brothers coming together]”.

After the rally, Mr. Raut said, leaders from several south Indian States, particularly Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, have asserted that they can fight the Centre and “overthrow the imposition of Hindi”.

As the row over true custodians of Marathi escalated, Shiv Sena MLA and Maharashtra minister Pratap Sarnaik on Sunday credited Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde for giving justice to Marathi mannos and ensuring classical language status for the Marathi language by following up with the Centre.

In a letter to Mr. Shinde, Mr. Sarnaik stated that people are wise to understand that the Shiv Sena (UBT) and the MNS have come together to win power in the Mumbai civic body and not in the interest of Marathi.

He said the Sena (undivided) controlled the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) for 25 years and during this period, the Marathi mannos was driven out of the hotel industry, real estate, and gold and silver jewellery shops.

“People are wise enough to know that they (Sena UBT and MNS) have come to win power in the BMC. Their [the Sena UBT's] soul is stuck in the coffers of the BMC. UBT's politics has been very selfish, fake and treacherous. Which is why UBT's colleagues are abandoning the party,” Mr. Sarnaik said.

“The MNS and the Sena (UBT) keep saying that they have come together in the interest of Marathi. So, for whose interest did they separate years ago? There is no love for Marathi, its culture and language, and Marathi mannos,” he added.

Mr. Shelar, meanwhile, said the attacks on Hindi-speaking people allegedly by MNS workers were disappointing and asserted “Marathi is not a political issue for us.” He said the Shiv Sena (UBT) and its allies would perform poorly in the upcoming civic elections.

“Compared to the previous elections, they will win fewer seats. They are going to lose,” he added.

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# 'Speak Marathi': Raj Thackeray's MNS workers slap restaurant owner – Video from Mira Road goes viral

*In the video, three men, allegedly MNS workers, are seen engaging in a heated debate with the vendor. As their argument gets more frenzied, the men begin slapping the vendor.*

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The video of the assault has gone viral on social media.

A worker of Raj Thackeray's Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) allegedly assaulted an elderly North Indian restaurant owner on Mumbai's Mira Road for not speaking in Marathi, reigniting the language debate.

The video of the assault has gone viral on social media.

In the viral video, three men, allegedly MNS workers, are seen engaging in a heated debate with the owner. As their argument gets more frenzied, the men begin slapping the vendor.

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In the viral video, one of the MNS workers can be seen asking the owner why he was questioning the need to speak in the local language.

"Why should we speak in Marathi?" the owner had asked.

Soon after, another party worker interrupted and said, "Maar khayaga?"

The owner can be heard saying that he doesn't know Marathi.

The MNS workers then asked the vendor if he knew the state he was working in and the language spoken there.

The owner quipped, "All languages are spoken here."

This agitated the MNS workers, who repeatedly slapped and abused him.

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## 'Hindi cannot be placed above Marathi': MNS chief Raj Thackeray

MNS chief Raj Thackeray had recently said that attempts to place Hindi above Marathi, which is an older language, will not be tolerated.

He said this while opposing the "imposition of Hindi" as a third language for primary classes in Maharashtra schools.

"People are trying to make the 150 to 200-year-old Hindi language appear superior to Marathi, which has a history of over 3,000 years. This is unacceptable, and I will not allow it," Thackeray said.

He questioned the legitimacy of branding Hindi as a national language in a country with such linguistic diversity. "Hindi is not the *rashtra bhasha* (national language) to be imposed on other states. This kind of coercion is not right."

Facing mounting opposition to the introduction of Hindi language in Maharashtra schools from classes 1 to 5, the state cabinet on Sunday decided to withdraw two GRs (government orders) on the implementation of the three-language policy.

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## "Hindi not national language...": Raj Thackeray warns schools against imposition of "northern" language in Maharashtra

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In April, a row was erupted over the Maharashtra (/topic/maharashtra) government's decision to make Hindi (/topic/hindi) a compulsory third language (/topic/language). (ANI)

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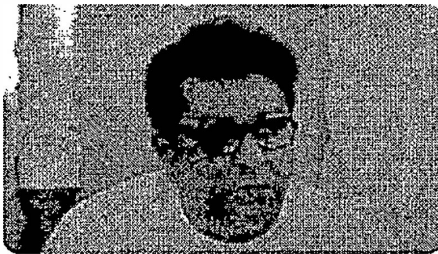
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MNS chief Raj Thackeray has warned Maharashtra schools against supporting the government's alleged plan to impose Hindi, a language "spoken in some northern provinces." Thackeray cautioned that such actions would be seen as a "betrayal." [Read More](#)



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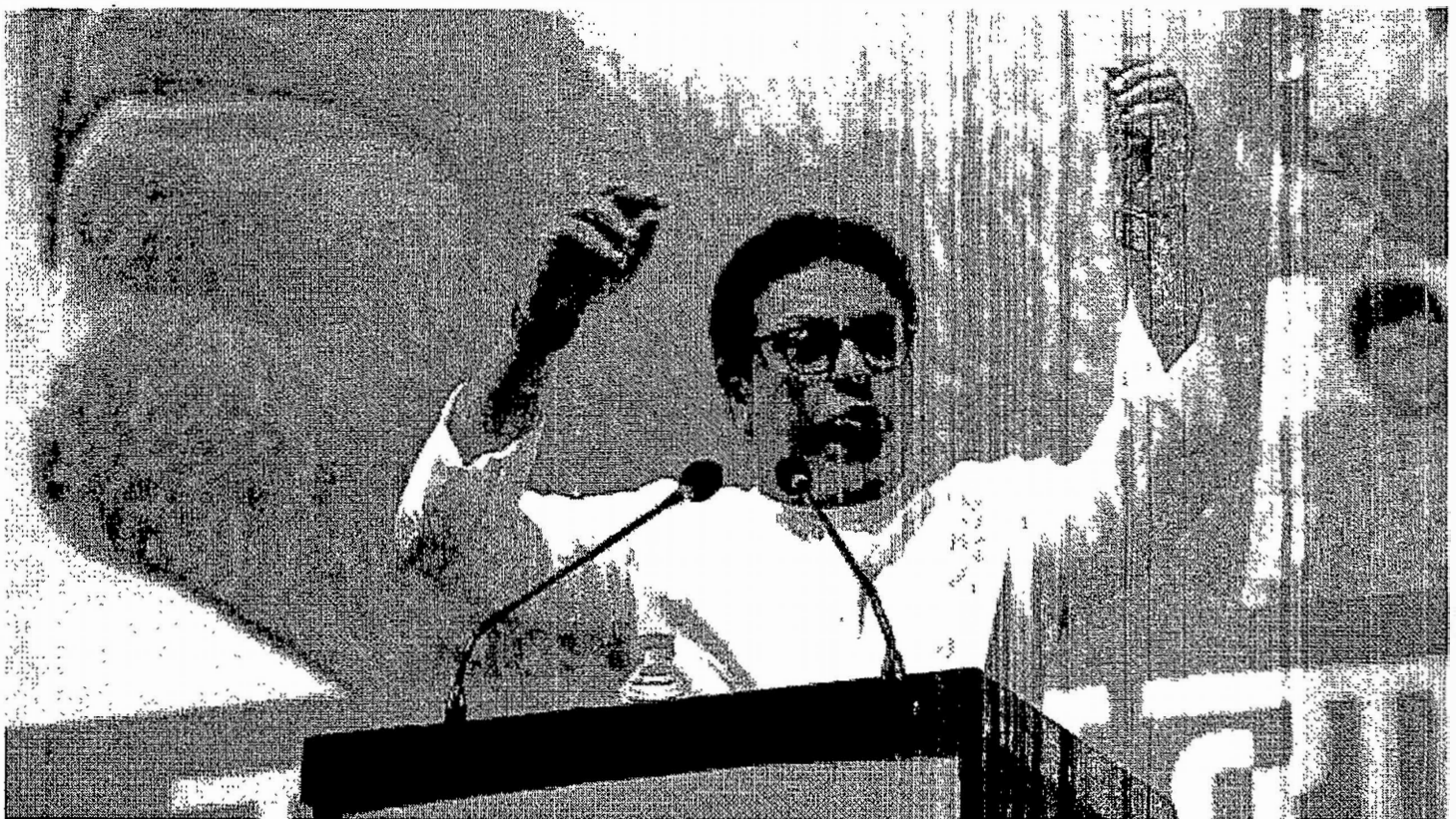
On Sunday, Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis announced the withdrawal of government resolutions mandating the teaching of Hindi in schools from Class 1. Following this, a protest rally scheduled for July 5 was cancelled.

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MNS chief Raj Thackeray also responded to the common justification that Hindi is necessary for migrant Hindi-speaking populations in Maharashtra. (Express Photo)

A day after Maharashtra announced the withdrawal of government resolutions mandating the teaching of Hindi in schools from Class 1, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray said Monday that though the matter has been resolved, the way it unfolded was avoidable.

"Yesterday, the state government had no choice but to cancel both government resolutions related to Hindi imposition. I would like to congratulate the Marathi people for taking a firm stand. The issue was unnecessary to begin with," he said, adding, "Apart from the public, I also want to thank some writers, a few artists, and Marathi media journalists and editors who supported the cause."

Raj said he did not understand the insistence on teaching Hindi. "Earlier, Hindi was taught from around Class 5 or 6, and that was acceptable. But why push it from Class 1 now? Hindi is not the national language. It is the language of one region. It cannot be imposed on other states," he said.

The state government's move introducing the three-language policy had drawn severe criticism from regional parties, civil society, and prominent Marathi figures. Following the announcement that it was withdrawn, Raj and Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray cancelled the joint protest rally scheduled for July 5. "There was absolutely no need for all of this," Raj said at the press conference in Mumbai.

"Many people from North India come to Maharashtra for work. If this is the case, then Marathi should be taught in their states instead. Why imposing Hindi in Maharashtra, and over Marathi? This attempt to impose a 150-200-year-old language on 3,000-year-old Marathi is not acceptable to us," he said.

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Raj said the MNS was the first to oppose the three-language policy. "As tensions rose, other political parties joined us — including Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena, Sharad Pawar's NCP (Nationalist Congress Party), and others. We had declared a protest on July 5. Had that rally taken place, it would have been unprecedented. It would have reminded people of the Samyukta Maharashtra movement. A united Marathi voice can have real impact — I hope the government has understood that," he said.

Raj also recalled last week's meeting with Shiv Sena minister Dada Bhuse. "When he came to meet me, he said, 'At least hear us out.' I told him, 'I'll hear you, but I won't agree.' There will be no compromise. This is slow poisoning — these ideas are planted gradually. They tried it, and it backfired. Now they are talking about forming committees. Let them. It does not concern us. But the government must make sure this does not happen again. We will never accept such things."

After the withdrawal, Sena (UBT) suggested replacing the cancelled protest with a victory gathering. Raj welcomed the move saying, "Sanjay Raut called me after the decision and asked, 'What next?' I told him we will now have to cancel the protest, but we could definitely organise a victory rally. We agreed to hold it on July 5, but we have not announced the venue yet. I will speak with my team, and they will coordinate. Let us be clear — this isn't about party politics. It is a win for the Marathi people, and that is how it should be seen," he said.

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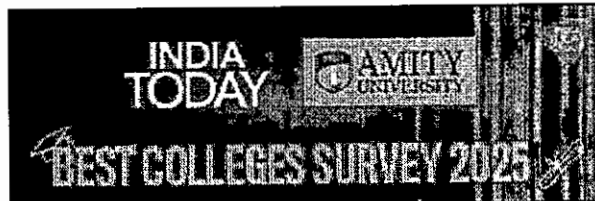
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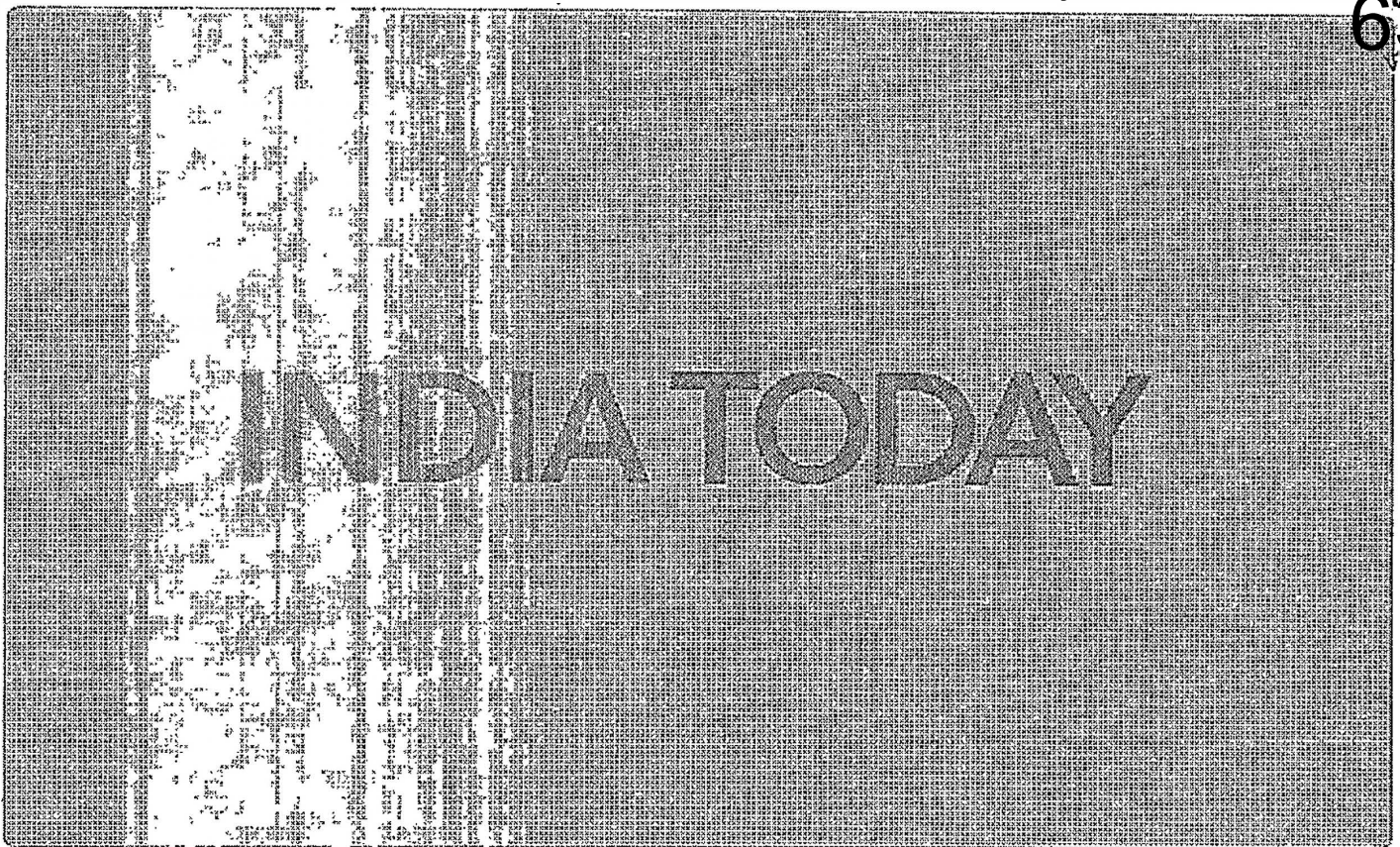


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A senior journalist from Uttar Pradesh was on Thursday brutally beaten by supporters of the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) in Mumbai, police said, a day after a young man from the state died after being thrashed in a suburban train.

Dinanath Tiwari, 45, who works for the Nirbhay Pathik tabloid, had gone to Kurar village in the eastern suburb of Malad just after midnight to report on MNS workers abusing and attacking a settlement of people from north India.

When they saw him taking photographs, about 15 MNS activists, including the area's municipal corporator Vanita Ghag, assaulted Tiwari, an eyewitness said.

Tiwari was rushed to the Bhagwati Hospital with injuries to the ear and some fractures. Doctors described his condition as 'stable'.

Tiwari, who belongs to Jaunpur and has worked for Mumbai's first Hindi evening paper for 10 years, was dragged by MNS activists inside the police outpost and beaten up, said the newspaper editor A.K. Mishra. The police denied the allegation.

causing grievous injury.

This is the second attack on north Indians in three days in and around Mumbai.

On Tuesday, Dharamdev Ramnarain Rai, was beaten in a running suburban train to Mumbai following a dispute over occupying a window seat in the train. He died soon after.

A day before that, on Monday, a Bihari unemployed youth Rahul Raj was gunned down by the police after he allegedly attempted to hijack a BEST public bus with 25 passengers on board.

The series of attacks on north Indians started on October 19 when workers of MNS and Shiv Sena attacked scores of men from north India appearing for railway recruitment examinations in different parts of Maharashtra.

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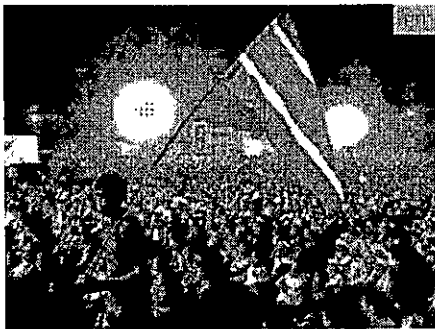
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**Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS)**

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The MNS, in a letter issued to the company, demanded that since

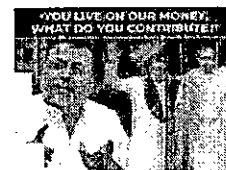
Marathi is the official language in the state, the electricity bills should be issued only in that language along with English and not in any other language.

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He also said that controversy based on linguistic issues should be avoided.

When contacted, Reliance Energy spokesperson said the company has been giving four language billing options- Marathi, Hindi, English and Gujarati-- to its customers ever since it got distribution licence in the city.

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"Since 2005, we have been giving four language options- Marathi, Hindi, English and Gujarati- to our customers. We even provide the billing option in the Braille. A customer wanting to change the language option in the bill can easily do so through our call centre, customer care centre, mobile app or through the website," Reliance Energy spokesman said in a statement.

A copy of an electricity bill recently issued by the company to a customer in Mumbai is getting circulated on the social media.

Talking about this particular case, Reliance Energy clarified that in the present instance, it has been found that the complainant has bought the flat from a Gujarati, who had opted for billing in his language, although the new flat owner has not changed the language option after buying the flat.

Anil Ambani-owned Reliance Energy is one of the three discoms in the megapolis along with the state-run BEST and Tata Power.

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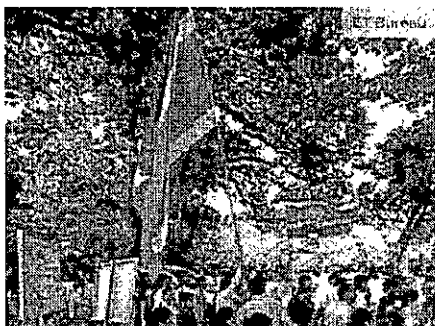
# MNS attacks North Indian hawkers at Jogeshwari in Mumbai

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The MNS workers claimed that the hawkers were North Indians and were taking away the job of the local Marathi speaking people.



MUMBAI: After lying low for a while the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) is back to its pet peeve **MNS** workers on Wednesday began beating **hawkers** and vandalizing their hand carts at Jogeshwari in Mumbai's western suburb. The MNS workers claimed that the hawkers were North Indians and were taking away the job of

the local Marathi speaking people. Around 20 to 30 MNS workers arrived at Jogeshwari and after shouting slogans began beating up the hawkers and began fruits, vegetables and other items being sold by the hawkers. MNS **Vibhag Pramukh** of Jogeshwari who led the assault claimed that the hawkers were taking away the jobs of locals which 'would not be tolerated any more'.

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Top MNS officials when contacted claimed that they were unaware of the current incident. However sources in the party claimed that after the drubbing that the party received in the 2014 **Lok Sabha** polls where it drew a blank which was followed by the defeat in the 2014 assembly polls where it saw just one of its MLA's elected, the party would now go back to its migrant bashing theme. There have been no arrests by the police as of yet in the current incident.

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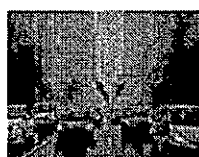
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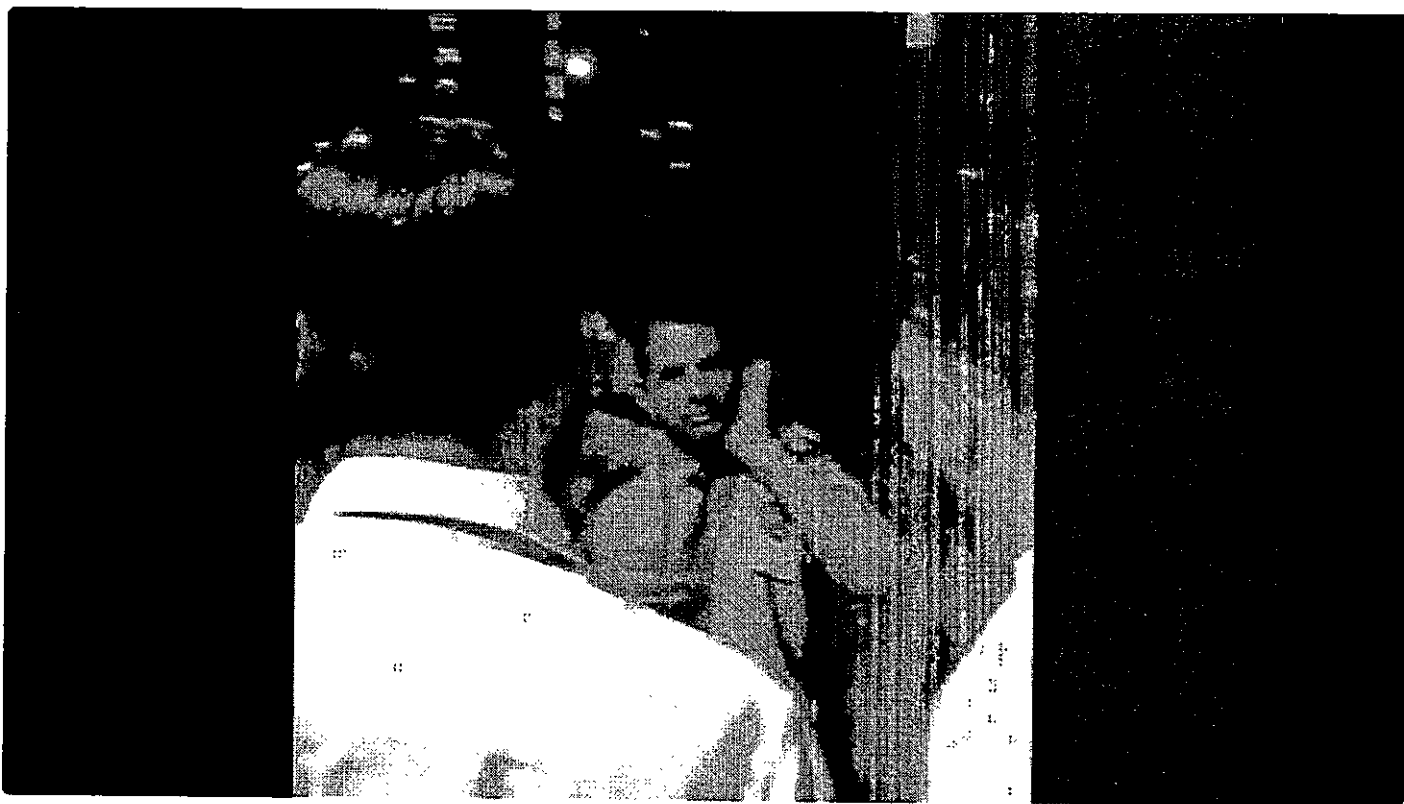
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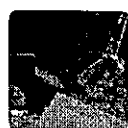
The assault follows a series of incidents reported over the past month where MNS workers picked up arguments with citizens for allegedly not speaking Marathi

A private security guard working at Powai area of Maharashtra's Mumbai was allegedly beaten up by party workers from the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) for not being able to speak in the Marathi language.



The guard explained that he could not speak the local language as he was from North India. (मनसे वृत्तांत अधिकृत/Facebook)

The video of the assault has been shared on the social media platform Facebook. The guard can be seen getting slapped by MNS workers as onlookers try to defuse tension.



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# Chronology: MNS's tirade against North Indians

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## Chronology: Attacks on North Indians

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**February 3, 2008** - The tirade against North Indians started with clashes between MNS and SP workers at Dadar in Mumbai. MNS chief Raj Thackeray explained that the attack was a reaction to the uncontrolled dadagiri of migrants and leaders from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.



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Immediately after clashes with SP, MNS workers assaulted North Indian taxi drivers and vandalised their vehicles.

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In the night, over 100 MNS supporters ransacked Pratap talkies in Thane.

Meanwhile, Raj Thackeray also launched scathing attacks on Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan, alleging that he is more interested in his native state Uttar Pradesh.

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owed by the MNS chief ridiculing the celebration of Chhath Puja by North Indian migrants and accusing them of spoiling Maharashtrian culture.

**February 4, 2008** - MNS supporters reportedly hurled bottles at Amitabh Bachchan's bungalow at Juhu.

The next target was booking office of the Grant Road railway station, where the MNS men tore off posters of a Bhojpuri film put up there.

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**February 5, 2008** - MNS workers also pelted stones at the offices of Bhojpuri actor Manoj Tiwari and North Indian Congress leader Sanjay Nirupam.

**February 7, 2008** - MNS went on rampage again as they stormed the office of the Bombay Taximen's Union. In response to the attack, the Union immediately called for a flash strike. The strike was then called off by RR Patil.



...y struggle) written by him in the Marathi daily Maharashtra Times.

**February 12, 2008** - MNS workers destroyed government property to vent their anger against the reported move to arrest Raj.

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Pune, Nashik witnessed massive violence as state-run buses were stone-pelted, shops were vandalised, forcing other shops and business establishments to close down.

**February 13, 2008** - After drawing flak for its reluctance to take action, the Mumbai police announced its move to arrest Raj Thackeray. The move created an upsurge of violence across Maharashtra.

In Mumbai and Aurangabad, police held more than 400 MNS workers.

Pune again witnessed scenes of violence, as furious MNS workers vent their anger on state buses. In a brutal act, they also chopped off both hands of a Bihari hawker.

Police could not contain the violence, but managed to arrest over 200 activists of the MNS across Nashik.

However, due to the arrest and imposition of gag order on Raj, Maharashtra saw the attacks declining.

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**February 22, 2008** - While hearing two PILs, the Supreme Court expressing its displeasure termed the attacks as "a dangerous trend".

**April 2008** - Sporadic cases of attacks, however, were reported until April 2008.

**October 19, 2008** - The anti-North Indian offensive simmered again when MNS activists beat up North Indian candidates appearing for the all-India Railway Recruitment Board entrance exam for the Western region in Mumbai.

The attack invoked a quick reaction from Lalu Prasad Yadav and his cabinet colleague Ram Vilas Paswan, who too hails from Bihar.

Lalu demanded a ban on the MNS, and described its chief Raj Thackeray as a 'mental case.'

Maharashtra Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh admitted that his government was responsible for failure in preventing the attacks by MNS on north Indian candidates at Railways examination centres and ordered a probe into the incident.

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**October 20, 2008** - Thackeray was arrested in Ratnagiri after Mumbai police had received a non-bailable warrant issued by a Jamshedpur court against the MNS chief. The arrested again ignited violence by his supporters in large parts of the city forcing it to shut down.

ounded up 70 MNS activists in Nashik.

Angry students in various parts of Bihar damaged railway property and disrupted train traffic, as a protest. Students were detained and extra security was deployed to control the situation, as per the Railway police.

**January 26, 2009** - MNS activists attacked North Indian residents in Nashik who were paying tribute to the victims of 26/11 Mumbai terror strikes.

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**May 2009** - MNS workers reportedly tried to disrupt Patna-born actress Neetu Chandra's intimate photo shoot with a model in Mumbai.

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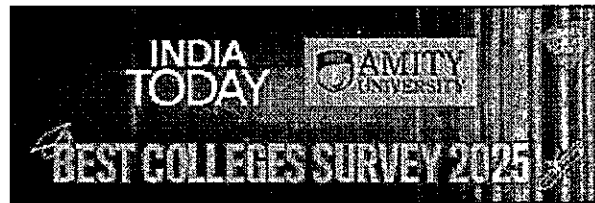
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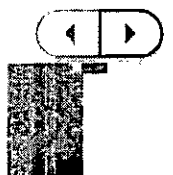
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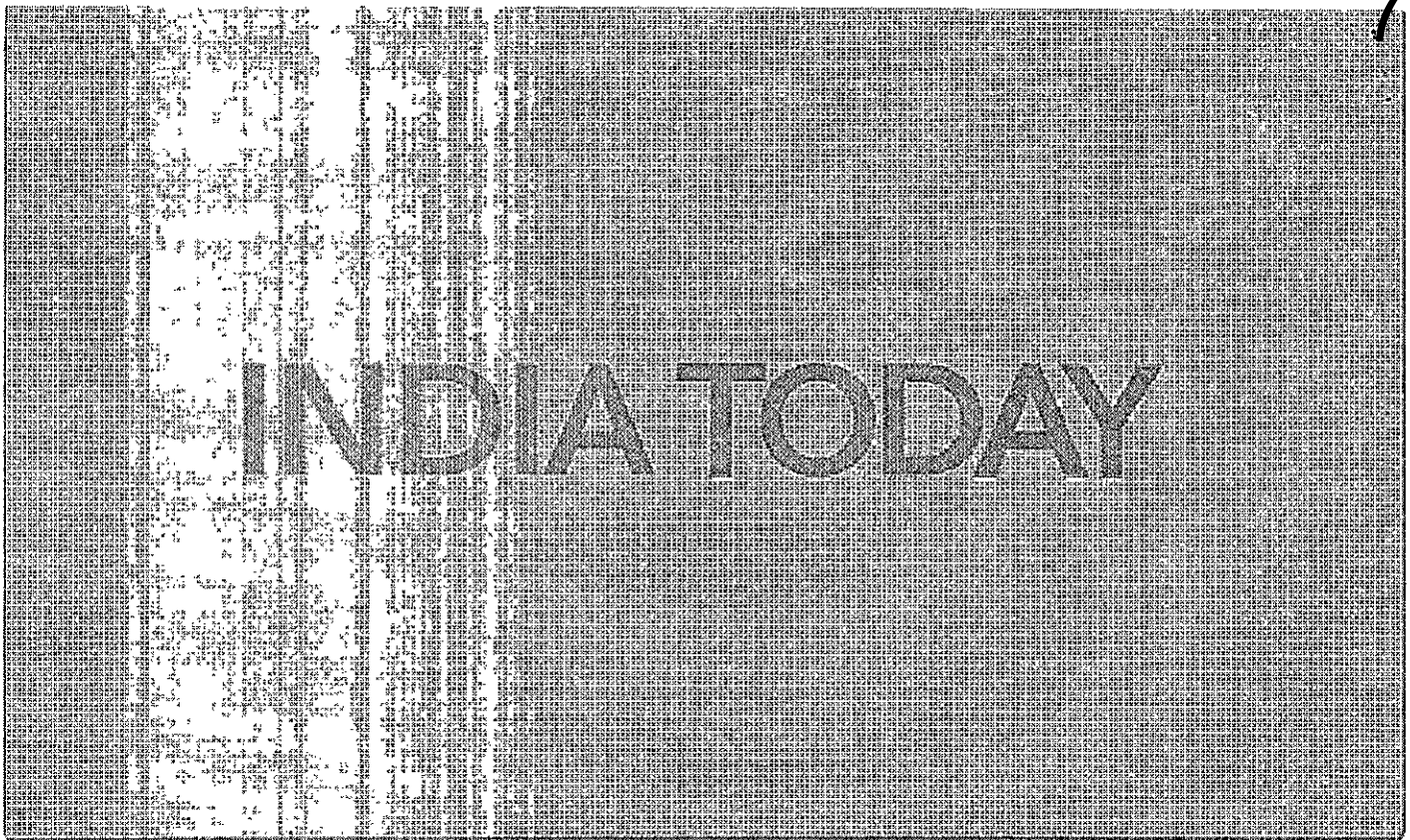


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Continuing their campaign against immigrants from outside the state, activists of Raj Thackeray's Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) Sunday attacked many north Indian candidates appearing for a railway recruitment examination at several places in Maharashtra.

The MNS activists pounced on candidates who had come from different states for the Group D category examinations in Mumbai, Thane city, Dombivli, Nalla Sopara (both in Thane district), and Sholapur district, a Central Railway (CR) official said.

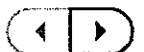
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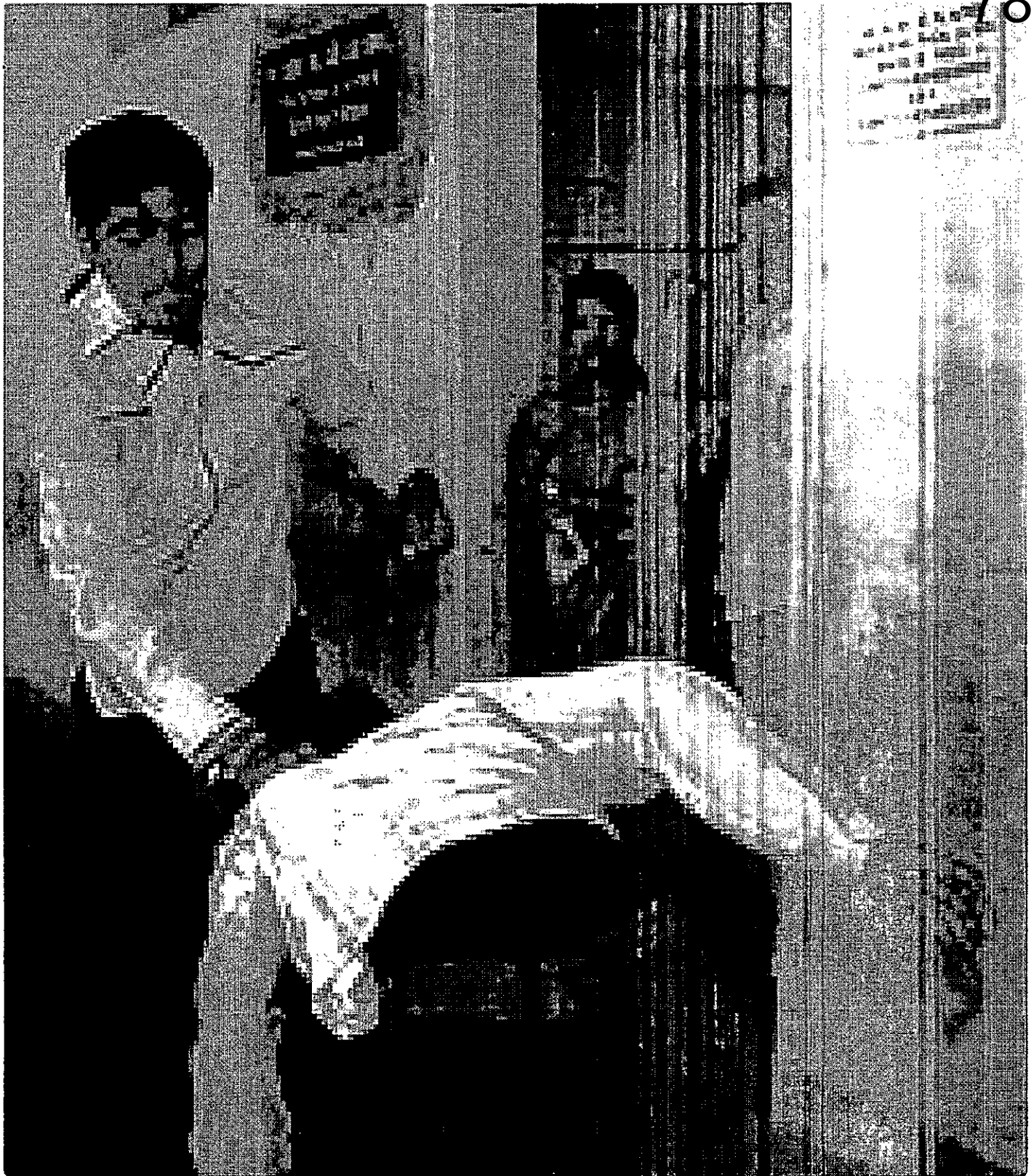


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An MNS activist beats up a candidate

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However, despite the disruptions, authorities managed to conduct the examinations at a majority of the centres amid tight police security, the official said.

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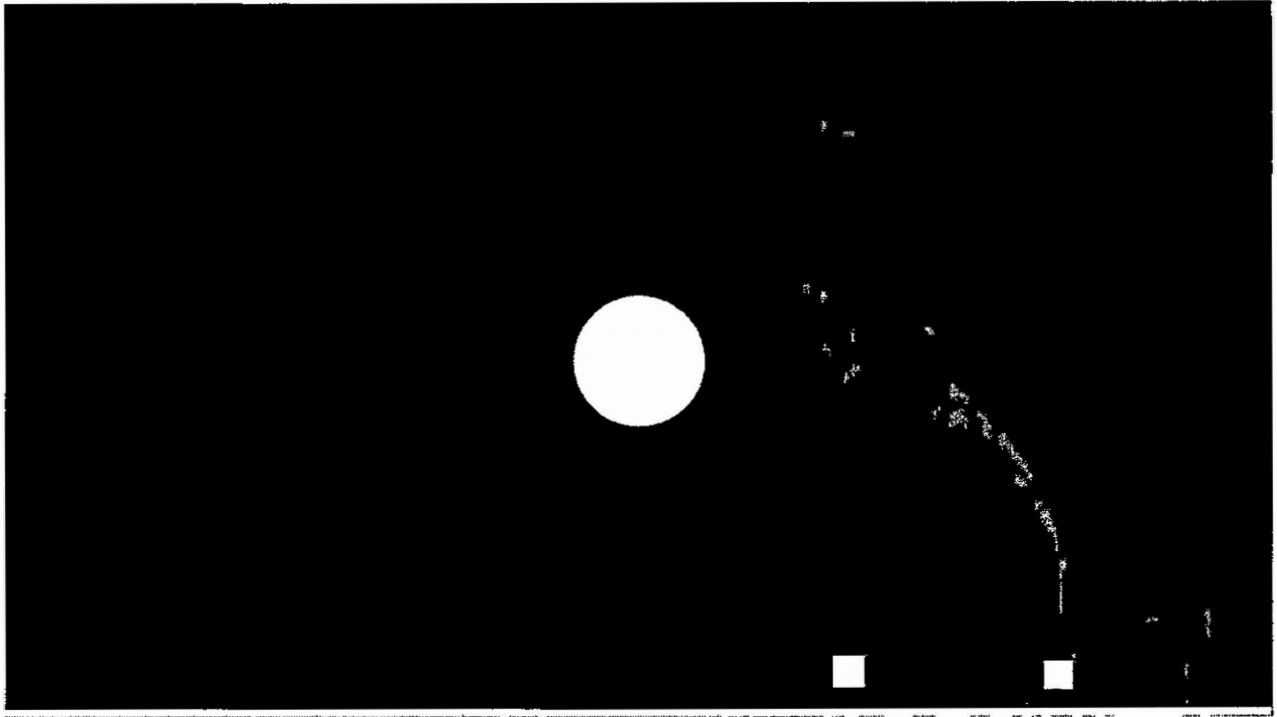
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The MNS is demanding more representation for Maharashtrian youth in railway staff vacancies. Earlier, in November 2003, supporters of Raj Thackeray, who was then with the Shiv Sena, had agitated against north Indians who had come to write railway examinations.

On Sunday morning, the MNS workers attacked some candidates who were sleeping at the Dombivli station. In the ensuing fisticuffs, at least three candidates were injured while the MNS activists managed to flee.

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In Dombivli and Thane, MNS activists pelted stones at the exam centres and set up  
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A total of 15 MNS workers were arrested on charges of rioting in Thane, police said.

In Sholapur district, the home district of central Power Minister Sushilkumar Shinde, MNS workers attempted to force their way into an examination centre but were stopped by police.

Mumbai Regional Congress Committee (MRCC) president Kripa Shankar Singh reacted sharply to the MNS attacks on north Indians, terming them as "anti-Maharashtrian culture."

Singh asked why should the MNS stop genuine candidates from appearing for the examinations when nobody has stopped Maharashtrian youth from applying.

In Latur, neighbouring district of Sholapur, Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh criticised the MNS move and warned of strict action if they tried to break the law.

Deshmukh was informed of the MNS agitation shortly after Shinde flagged off a new direct train service linking Mumbai with Latur, the chief minister's home town.

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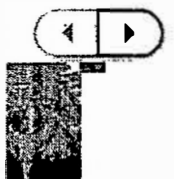
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Respected Sirs,

Sub: **Complaint against Raj Thackeray and his political outfit viz. Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) and his concerned goons/political workers for their acts of promoting enmity between different groups, challenging the rule of law, creating disturbance and serious law and order and problem and endangering sovereignty, unity and integrity of India, which constitute the offences punishable u/s. 152, 196, 197, 299, 353 (1) (b) (c), 353 (i) (c) and 353 (2) of BNS, 2023.**

1. At the outset, the undersigned may say that it was highly inappropriate to issue government orders/resolutions regarding three language policy in primary schools by the State of Maharashtra on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 and

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17<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 when the elections to the Mumbai Municipal Corporation are round the corner. While the State administration does not comprehend that this could lead to serious trouble in the State of Maharashtra at a time when the elections to the prestigious Mumbai Municipal Corporation are in the very close proximity. Such a decision which should have been perceived would be giving a long rope to the opposition in the State/city of Mumbai, ought to have been visualized before embarking upon to issue such Government orders which were ultimately withdrawn.

2. The aforesaid Government Resolutions on three language policy in primary schools gave an opportunity to the two warring cousins for more than two decades, to come together and form an alliance based on the Government agenda of opposing introduction of Hindi language in primary schools as a third language which undoubtedly has an avowed object which needs to be achieved. There has to be one common language all over the country and Hindi since is widely spoken in many parts of the country and is comparatively an easy language to speak, it is a natural choice to have Hindi as our national language. However, it is sad that even after nearly 78 years of our independence, Hindi is not the our national language and therefore, the Government of India for the first and foremost must ensure that Hindi is made the national language.
3. Raj Thackeray, in particular, has been making fiery speeches from time to time, thereby promoting enmity between different groups on the ground of place of birth, residence and language which is prejudicial

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not only to the maintenance of harmony, but also endangering to sovereignty, unity and integrity of India. The speeches made by him instigate people to come on the street and something which was started as opposing Hindi, has led to Marathi being imposed on people who do not speak Marathi or have come from other states. In a rally organized on or about 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 as *Awaj Marathicha*, he justified people who do not speak Marathi to hit below their eardrums. He went to the extent of claiming that those living in the states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan which are Hindi speaking states in the country are economically backward states and if Hindi could not solve the economic problems in those states, then how it's imposition in the State of Maharashtra would solve the problems. Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Home Minister was also not spared and he was named in his speech quoting him that people who can speak only in English would soon be feeling ashamed on what the Home Minister wanted to convey that the other languages in the country will equally create job opportunities.

4. With regard to an incident in which a businessman from Rajasthan was beaten up for not able to speak in Marathi and which had led to a massive outrage and agitation in Mira Road, Dist. Thane by the business community and according to Raj Thackeray, these are trailer and if it is not stopped, then his people would definitely hit below their eardrums. He cautioned his party workers not to record the videos of people being assaulted for not speaking Marathi, but according to him, those who are beaten up would themselves speak of they being beaten

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up by his party workers. Raj Thackeray even used an abusive and un-parliamentary language in his speech and he claimed that if Maharashtra is quiet, the Central government will move forward. Raj Thackeray and his goons whom he claims are party workers are leaving no stone unturned to insult, humiliate, beat-up and terrorize people from Hindi speaking states such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh Rajasthan etc. who are living in Mumbai and/or doing their business and/or working for gains. His love for Marathi is 'seasonal'. Raj Thackeray thinks that by invoking the Marathi pride, he and Uddhav Thackeray could do wonders by consolidating Marathi votes and then winning the Mumbai Municipal Corporation election which has reportedly presented a budget of Rs.74,427.41 crores for the financial year 2025-26. The love and affection of Raj Thackeray is not for Marathi language but with an eye on Mumbai Municipal Corporation elections and these tantrums are blown out of proportion with oblique and ulterior motive of gaining advantage in the forthcoming municipal corporation elections in the city of Mumbai.

### 5. Section 152 of BNS

Since Raj Thackeray is indulging into promoting enmity between different groups and is doing it purposely or knowingly, he excites subversive activities and encouraging feeling of separatist activities and thereby endangers the sovereignty, unity and integrity of the country which is punishable with imprisonment for life or imprisonment which may extent to seven years and is also liable for fine u/s.152 of BNS.

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### 6. Section 196 of BNS

Inciting party workers/goons to assault below the eardrum of those who cannot speak Marathi, however, claiming that this is an insult to Marathi is nothing sort of promoting enmity between different groups on the ground of place of birth, residence, language which is prejudicial to maintenance of harmony and which is punishable u/s. 196 of BNS and the punishment thereunder may extent to five years and shall also be liable to fine.

### 7. Section 197 of BNS

Creating divide between different states on the basis of language, beating up people who are migrants and are settled in the city of Mumbai and/or other parts of Maharashtra for ages for earning their livelihood is prejudicial to national integration and which is punishable u/s. 197 of BNS which provides for punishment of imprisonment which may extent up to five years. Article 19 (d) of the Constitution of India gives freedom to move freely throughout the territory of India and Article 19 (e) gives freedom to reside and settle in any part of the territory of India. There is no law for the time being in force that a person who decides to reside or settle down in any part of the territory of India must necessarily be able to speak the language of that State where he decides to reside and/or settle. There is not even a single case of disrespect shown by anybody in the State of Maharashtra/city of Mumbai or for that matter any other State for Marathi language. Hindi and Marathi – both are Devanagari scripts and Marathi is considered

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to be the younger sister of Hindi. Both Marathi and Hindi are two rich languages of our country and every citizen must take pride of the two languages being in existence for centuries and there has never been any conflict and there can never be any conflict as there are hundreds of words which are similar in both the languages. The rift which is sought to be created on the basis of language and so called Marathi pride is certainly not for any avowed object which is sought to be achieved but such subversive activities which could lead to there being disharmony between different States is certainly an extremely dangerous emerging trend and which needs to be nipped in the bud forthwith or otherwise, it could escalate because of political aspiration of people like Raj Thackeray and his political party.

### 8. Section 353 (i) (b) (c) of BNS

Since the incitement by Raj Thackeray through his speeches, which is likely to cause fear or alarm to the public or to a section of the public and those people may be induced to commit an offence against the State or against the public tranquility. Raj Thackeray since has been making public statements, giving speeches and has been spreading false information/rumours through electronic means with intent to incite and which is likely to incite a class or community of persons to commit any offence against any other class or community, he can be punished with imprisonment which may extend up to three years or with fine or with both. Thus, the aforesaid acts of omissions of and commissions of Raj Thackeray and his political outfit/goons constitute the offences punishable u/s 353 (i) (b) and 353 (i) (c) of B.N.S.

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### 9. Section 353 (2) of BNS

Since Raj Thackeray has been making statements which are false to his knowledge in as much as his claiming that Hindi was not in existence at the time of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, completely being oblivious of the fact that the renowned Hindi poet, popularly known as “Kavi Bhushan” from Uttar Pradesh wrote about the glory of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and the fear under which the Mughals would live during Chhatrapati Shivaji’s regime and all the poetries were written in Hindi and, therefore, the information which Raj Thackeray is seeking to spread are false to his knowledge and since this is done with intent to create and promote or which is likely to promote public mischief on the ground of place of birth, residence, language, community etc., he could be punished with imprisonment which may extend to three years, which is punishable under Section 353 (2) of BNS.

10. Raj Thackeray is a habitual offender, however, because of political blessings, he has been able to keep the investigating agency at bay, including the Central Bureau of Investigation, Enforcement Directorate and other investigating agencies of the State of Maharashtra. Incidentally, Raj Thackeray was suspected to be involved in the following offences:-

- i) Murder of Ramesh Kini on 23.7.1996 in the city of Mumbai.



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ii) Double murder of two brothers from Kalyan viz.  
 Omprakash Dubey and Mayur Dubey in October, 2008.

11. The kind of wealth he has amassed, without having any authentic source of income itself could be a matter of investigation and the fact that the assault and terrorizing people from different States is not restricted to other religious groups, the possibility of Raj Thackeray aligning with anti-national or jihadi forces cannot be ruled out and which is certainly required to be thoroughly investigated. Let the file which must have been closed by now or his alleged involvement in Ramesh Kini murder and two brothers from Kalyan viz. Omprakash Dubey and Mayur Dubey be re-opened and he be subjected to Narco analysis, lie detector test and other modern tests and simultaneously, he can be considered to be investigated by the Income Tax department as well as Enforcement Directorate. In any event, Raj Thackeray has committed a serious cognizable offence under Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS), 2023 as aforesaid which itself provides for punishment which can be extended up to imprisonment for life and the State government can independently institute an investigation by appointing a SIT comprising of police personnel of impeccable integrity.

12. While Raj Thackeray and his cousin Uddhav Thackeray and in fact, entire Thackeray family claim to be carrying the legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and upholding the pride of Marathi people, however, they very conveniently forget that history is the testimony of the facts that Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj had all the times dreamed for Hindavi

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Swaraj and in his said pursuit, he fought whole life for the people of entire country and more particularly, for all Hindus across the country without any bias and discrimination between Marathi and Non-Marathi people. Similarly, even Maratha army and more particularly, Peshwas fought for all the Hindus across country against Mughal intruders who were hell bent upon to eradicate Sanatan Dharm completely and in the process, committing all sorts of atrocities upon Hindus and Maratha/Peshwas never made any discrimination between Marathi and Non-Marathi people.

13. While the undersigned has great respect for Maharashtra, Marathi people, Marathi language and its great ethos and culture and the undersigned firmly believes that pride of Maharashtra, Marathi people and Marathi language national sovereignty at all costs and those, who insult the same must suffer legal consequences thereof, however, at the same time, the undersigned also firmly believes that act of a non-Marathi person of not being able to speak Marathi by no stretch of imagination can be construed even remotely to be insult Maharashtra, Marathi people and Marathi language, as is sought to be mischievously portrayed by Raj Thackeray and his political outfit and his goons to achieve their ill-purpose and ill-motive of gaining political mileage at the cost national sovereignty, unity and integrity, which cannot be countenanced at all.
14. Since from the very inception of forming his political outfit, viz. Maharashtra Navnirman Sena, Raj Thackeray has been time and again indulging in such similar activities and thereby he and his political

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outfit amongst others have been endangering sovereignty, unity and integrity of India, it is high time that his political outfit viz. Maharashtra Navnirman Sena is de-registered and de-notified by withdrawing its recognition by the Election Commission of India/ State Election Commission.

15. Since all the aforesaid acts of omission and commission of Raj Thackeray and evidence in respect thereof are in public domain in the form of news in print, electronic and social media, the same need not be produced with the present complaint, however, the same shall be provided to the investigating agency, if such necessary arises.
16. In the facts and circumstances of the case, therefore, direction be issued to register an FIR for the offences punishable u/s. 152, 196, 197, 299, 353 (1) (b) (c), 353 (i) (c) and 353 (2) of BNS against Raj Thackeray and others and similarly, his political outfit viz. Maharashtra Navnirman Sena is de-registered and de-notified by withdrawing its recognition by the Election Commission of India/State Election Commission in terms of what have been stated hereinabove.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA****[CRIMINAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION]****WRIT PETITION (CRIMINAL) NO. OF 2025****IN THE MATTER OF:**

Ghanshyam Dayalu Upadhyay

...Petitioner

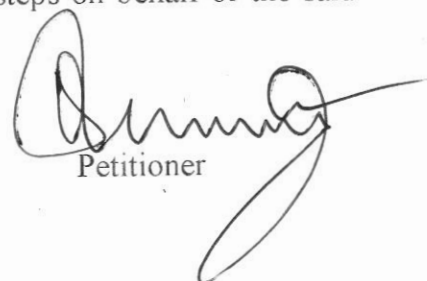
V/s.

Union of India &amp; Ors.

...Respondents

**VAKALATNAMA**

I, Ghanshyam Dayalu Upadhyay S/o. Late Sh. Dayalu Upadhyay, the Petitioner in the above petition, do hereby appoint and retain ANOOP PRAKASH AWASTHI, Advocate on Record, (Reg. Off. B-32, New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi-60) office at: 40, IInd Floor, , for the aforesaid petitioner to act and appear in the abovesaid petition and on behalf of the abovesaid petitioner to conduct and prosecute the same and all proceedings that may be taken in respect of my application connected with the same or any decree or order passed therein including proceedings in taxation and application for review, to file and obtain return of documents and to deposit and receive money on behalf of the said petitioner in the said Petition and in application for review and to represent him to take all necessary steps on behalf of the said petitioner in the above matter.

Dated this the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2025  
Petitioner

Accepted &amp; Identified &amp; Certified &amp; Verified



ANOOP PRAKASH AWASTHI

**MEMO OF APPEARANCE**

To,

The Registrar,  
Supreme Court of India,

New Delhi-110001

Sir,

Kindly enter any appearance in the above-mentioned Petition made on behalf of the Petitioner.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.

Yours Faithfully



(Anoop Prakash Awasthi)

Advocate On Record

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