

## BOOK REVIEW

# Plain tales from the pavilion

Veteran sports journalist Gulu Ezekiel tells a lot of interesting little stories behind some of cricket's hoary legends

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There are four types of Indians. These are not mutually exclusive categories.

Thus there are those who play cricket. Those who watch it. Those who talk about it. And those who read and write about it. Gulu Ezekiel belongs to the last category. As a sports journalist and cricket writer for over three decades, he lives and breathes the game.

He has also written many books. As the title of this, his latest, says, he has sought to dispel some myths about the game. In the process he tells a lot of little stories.

I have chosen just a few here but not listed them in any order of significance. They are just the ones I found most interesting. You may have a different ordering.

**THE UNCOVERED MATCH:** So, was the historic 175 not out by Kapil Dev against Zimbabwe in the 1983 World Cup not televised because the BBC was on strike? The mythology is that this is true.

No, says Ezekiel. The truth is that the BBC in those days had only two channels and had to decide which game other than the one on which England was playing it would cover.

In the event it decided that the India-Zimbabwe match was too inconsequential and so there was no coverage.

He cites a lot of convincing evidence in support. This includes the fact that two other matches were telecast.

**THE 1981 GAVASKAR TANTRUM:** Every cricket fan would have seen Gavaskar, then India's captain, leading his batting partner Chetan Chauhan off the field after being given out LBW off a ball by Dennis Lillee. Everyone also believes that Gavaskar did this because of the wrong umpiring decision.

No, says Ezekiel. However much he might have been seething, it wasn't because of the umpire but because of Lillee.

In an interview to the late Nawab of Pataudi in 1981, then editor of *Sportsworld*, Gavaskar said, "My mind snapped," but stopped at that. Ezekiel then says Gavaskar gave the real explanation in his 1983 book *Idols* in which he said that as he was walking off and went

past Lillee, the latter uttered some unprintable expletives and that was what did it.

**THE HELMET STORY:** A little addendum here is that, contrary to the mythology, both Gavaskar and Viv Richards wore helmets — but under their cricket caps — from the early 1980s. Ezekiel also says that helmets have been around since at least the 1933 England tour of India when Douglas Jardine asked his batsmen to wear pith helmets of the sort the *gora* sahibs wore when out in the jungle!

**THE TIED MATCH:** One of the most memorable scenes in Indian cricket lovers' minds is the tied Test of 1986 at Chepauk against Australia when Maninder Singh was given out LBW with the scores equal.

Who persuaded Allan Border to declare, leaving India to score four runs per ball in 87 overs? Did Maninder get an inside edge on to the pads? Was Ravi Shastri right in taking the single to ensure an equal score but leaving Maninder to face three balls?

There has been a lot of storytelling around these questions. You will have to

read the book to find out what actually happened. But one thing is certain: If India had won that day, the match would have been forgotten even though it would have been against the best team of the decade.

As it stands, and as Ezekiel quotes K Srikanth and Maninder Singh as saying, it is now a part of cricket history. Until then there had been only one tied Test. That was the one at Brisbane in 1960 when the West Indies forced a tie against Australia, announcing the arrival of the West Indies as major cricketing force.

**MANKADING:** The real reason: Mankading is the name given to the run-out by the bowler of the non-striker when the latter tries to steal a single by backing up before the bowler has bowled. It was done for the first time by the great Indian all-rounder Vinoo Mankad in 1947.

The history and controversies around it are well known now. But as Ezekiel reminds us, Mankad had a very special reason for doing what he did. A journalist in an Australian newspaper called *Courier Mail* wrote that Mankad told him, "My reflective vision becomes affected and my bowling concentration suffers... I warned Brown in Sydney... not to leave the non-striker's popping crease until the ball had left my hand

but Brown ignored the warning."

What Mankad was saying was that as a left-handed bowler the non-striker moving down the crease distracted him and that a right arm bowler was not similarly "embarrassed".

**THE RIDGE AT SABINA PARK:** Thanks to Clive Lloyd's autobiography a myth suddenly emerged that the Sabina Park wicket, in 1976, suddenly developed a ridge that caused the ball to rear viciously at batsmen. As a result, at the end of that match, almost the entire team was severely injured.

Ezekiel, however, reminds us that the West Indies, having lost the previous match to India which chased down 404 runs, were desperate to win. They played four pacers who bowled short consistently, hitting batsmen often. The ridge theory was concocted to explain that sort of attack.

But, says Ezekiel, Michael Holding in his autobiography has written that there was no such ridge. He says it was the usual surface and their bowling short from round the wicket was bound to hit the batsmen. And hit them they did.

Ezekiel then goes on to tell a great little story which he says has not been told before. But, as I said, you will have to buy the book to find out what it is.

TEA WITH BS ▶ ROHAN VERMA | CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MAPMYINDIA

## Road runner

As his company helps keep oxygen tankers on track, Verma tells Jyoti Mukul it's high time technology was scaled up so that India never encounters such chaos and inefficiencies again

It is four in the evening, a little early for evening tea, when I meet Rohan Verma, chief executive officer and executive director, MapmyIndia, for a cuppa — virtually, of course. Verma has turned up with his regular milk tea and I with my staple post-lunch *tulsi mulethi* organic brew.

The New Delhi-headquartered MapmyIndia, which has partnered with the Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) for an indigenous map, navigation and geospatial application and service, is currently working to ensure that there is no delay in the transportation of oxygen to the thousands infected with Covid-19. Not a producer of oxygen but a tracker of volumes coming out of production sites, MapmyIndia is installing global positioning system (GPS) devices on tankers and helping organisations in Danapur (Bihar), Kochi (Kerala), Puducherry, Thane (Mumbai), Rudrapur (Uttarakhand), Delhi and Jammu, among others, to deliver oxygen to intended destinations in a hurdle-free, fast and precise manner. It's a job his company has volunteered to do, free of charge.

On the wall behind Verma, I spot a collage of neatly framed family pictures — a constant reminder of all things precious and of the need to hold on to loved ones in this difficult time.

"There is a crisis all around. We hear among our family, friends and colleagues about people suffering," he says. "That people are dying because oxygen is not reaching them is something we all know about and it may not be because of lack of production anymore, but because it is stuck somewhere," he adds, as we begin our conversation on a grim note. Just two days back, 24 Covid patients died at the Chamarajanagar hospital in Karnataka reportedly because of oxygen shortage.

Such stories of oxygen not reaching desperate patients, perhaps because the vehicle was stuck somewhere or the system collapsed, are what caught the attention of this 35-year-old electrical engineer from Stanford who also holds a management degree from London Business School.

If an oxygen tanker has to reach five places but is unable to make it to even one of them on time, the delay can have a cascading effect, he says. "We have been using GPS tracking systems for many years to ensure that goods are delivered seamlessly and there is no unnecessary stoppage or pilferage," he says, sipping his tea from an orange cup. "In this Covid emergency we thought why not apply the same technology to oxygen tankers and medical equipment and smoothen the supply chain."



ILLUSTRATION: BINAY SINHA

Within a week of putting out its offer of enabling transport vehicles with GPS, the company was flooded with requests from across the country.

So, chip-enabled devices were installed on vehicles. The device is a black box with a SIM card for sending information remotely over the internet. The GPS chip captures the vehicle's current coordinates (longitude and latitude), its speed and direction of travel. Other sensors tell if the storage has been opened. The vehicle owner or operator can monitor all the current and historical information, and can also give access to it to other stakeholders, such as the government, so that there is visibility and transparency. The choice of which information to share or which not to lies with the fleet owner or operator. For instance, they may choose not to share the driver's mobile number so that people do not call him and distract him.

The company wanted to ensure that the devices did not add to the commercial burden of organisations involved in the transportation, so it decided to offer the service free of cost. "This is the technology through which we are trying to enable and assist frontline workers by ensuring that oxygen vehicles are not stopped unnecessarily. You can time their arrival, see their location on the map, see the speed at which they are travelling, and know how far from the destination they are," he says.

Task him whether oxygen is no longer a production problem but a logistical one. "That's very hard to tell when people are saying different things. That is why

digitisation of information, which presents facts before everybody, is important. For instance, if a particular (state) government says that an oxygen vehicle has gone to five hospitals, then a GPS-tracked vehicle will be able to show this on the map," he says emphatically. This puts to rest all speculation, fake news and misinformation around it.

Verma was only 19 when he set up India's first interactive mapping portal, mapmyindia.com.

Since governments are on the back foot, could regular, centralised city-wise bulletins from those dealing with oxygen allocation and distribution bring in some transparency, I ask. "The fact is that no government is fully prepared with the information. I think they are trying but they are struggling to get information," he says. "Governments have, in part, adopted this technology but do not have a comprehensive view of this system. Putting out a simple bulletin for everybody who needs to know the status could help."

The country is facing an unprecedented health crisis. Verma's advice is: "Make sure now that you are implementing technology and adopting it at a scale that never again do we encounter such inefficiencies and chaos." At the moment, everyone is scrambling and wanting to do something, he feels.

The oxygen vehicles are privately owned and usually do not have a government tracking them. "Private operators of these tankers feel this is an overburdening of appliances. In a non-pandemic situation, these challenges could have been ironed out smoothly and the system could have been prepared, but in the middle of all this, it adds to the stress."

Why has the second wave been so overwhelming when the country has among the best of technologies and industrial players? Is it purely a case of management failure, I ask. "As a citizen, I would request all the people in positions of authority to collaborate with each other. A lot of bickering has happened. It is the biggest malaise for the country," he says, adding, "Last year, everybody collaborated and people were focused on fighting Covid. But in the last four-five months, it is obvious why we are facing this challenge — because everyone has their own agendas."

There was also complacency on the part of citizens but the bigger challenge, he says, is to ensure that the physical infrastructure like hospital beds, ICUs, ventilators and the human capital of doctors and nurses are available. Additionally, wherever technology can augment and bring transparency, it should be used. "Despite the glitches, for example, there is a CoWIN, which has put a system in place to book for vaccination."

Have we already lost a lot of time? "Of course, we have. That is frustrating. It is very depressing. You feel terrible because people who didn't have to be dying. It's tragic at every level," he says, adding that the only thing to do is to plough on. In his case that means ensuring tech support to keep the desperately needed oxygen tankers on track.

## Oxygen concentrators seized from two Khan Market eateries

PTI  
New Delhi, 7 May

The Delhi Police recovered over 100 oxygen concentrators from two restaurants — Khan Chacha and Town Hall — in the upscale Khan Market in the national capital during a raid, officials said on Friday.

According to the police, 96 oxygen concentrators were recovered from Khan Chacha and nine were seized from Town Hall.

The recovery of the oxygen concentrators comes after the arrest of four men from south

Delhi's Lodhi Colony on Wednesday. After their arrest, the police had recovered 419 oxygen concentrators that were meant to be sold in the black market.

The police said that during interrogation, one of the men disclosed that they were hoarding oxygen concentrators in these restaurants at Khan Market, which is counted among the world's most expensive retail locations.

Both these restaurants are owned by Navneet Kalra, the police said, adding that his involvement in the matter is

being investigated. Kalra also owns another restaurant where the police had conducted raids and recovered oxygen concentrators on Wednesday.

Earlier, the police had said that Nege Ju Restaurant and Bar in Lodhi Colony was found to be open on Wednesday. A man with a laptop at the restaurant was found taking online orders for oxygen concentrators.

The police said they recovered 32 boxes of oxygen concentrators, one of thermal scanner and another containing N 95 masks during a search at the restaurant. "A case was regis-

tered and four persons arrested," Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Atul Kumar Thakur said.

During interrogation, the accused revealed that their warehouse was in Chhatarpur, following which a search was conducted and 387 more units of oxygen concentrators recovered; these were being sold at exorbitant prices in the black market, the DCP said.

Invoices of these oxygen concentrators were recovered as were MRP (maximum retail price) stickers displaying a price of ₹69,999 per concentrator.



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Particulars	₹ in Crores			
	Three months ended 31/03/2021	Year ended 31/03/2021	Three months ended 31/03/2020 (Restated)	Year ended 31/03/2020 (Restated)
1 Total Income from Continuing Operations	14,465.94	45,459.97	11,054.13	43,080.95
2 Net Profit for the period (before Taxes and Exceptional Item) from continuing operations	2,677.80	8,118.38	1,459.43	5,182.72
3 Net Profit for the period before Taxes (after Exceptional Item) from continuing operations	2,638.98	7,857.64	1,459.43	5,182.72
4 Net Profit for the period after Taxes (after Exceptional Item) from continuing operations	1,774.13	5,318.94	3,236.85	5,750.88
5 Net Profit for the period after Taxes (after Exceptional Item and impairment) from discontinued operations	-	142.91	-	-
6 Net Profit for the period after Taxes (after Exceptional Item) from continuing and discontinued operations	1,774.13	5,461.85	3,236.85	5,750.88
7 Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising profit for the period after tax and other comprehensive income after tax) from continuing and discontinued operations	1,829.02	5,478.45	3,224.46	5,733.75
8 Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value ₹10/- Per Share)	288.65	288.65	288.63	288.63
9 Reserves as shown in Audited Balance Sheet	-	43,886.03	-	38,755.13
10 Earnings per share (of ₹10/- each) (Not Annualised): (for continuing and discontinued operations)				
(a) Basic	61.54	189.40	112.35	199.55
(b) Diluted	61.52	189.33	112.31	199.49

### Notes:

- The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meetings held on 07/05/2021.
- The Board of Directors have recommended a dividend of ₹37/- per share of face value of ₹ 10/- each aggregating ₹1,068.02 Crores for the year ended 31/03/2021.
- In terms of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's (NCLAT) order dated 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018, approving the Resolution Plan submitted by the Company under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 for acquisition of Binani Cement Limited, subsequently renamed UltraTech Nathdwara Cement Limited, ("UNCL"), a loan of USD 230.4 mn in 3B Binani Glassfibre SARL, ("3B") a company registered in Luxembourg was assigned to UNCL from IDBI Bank Limited which has been classified as "Non-Current Assets/ Disposal group held for sale". Assignment of the loan was alongwith securities which included pledge over certain assets and shares of 3B in various forms in favour of UNCL. Since 3B has been in continuous default in servicing the loan, UNCL has enforced its pledge of 3B shares, consequent to which 3B has become a wholly owned subsidiary of UNCL w.e.f 12/03/2021. The Company continues to classify the asset as "Non current Assets / Disposal group held for sale". Earlier, during the quarter ended 30/09/2020 an impairment provision of ₹271.18 crores has been made on a loan receivable (asset held for sale) from 3B based on the realizable value, this has been classified from continuing operations to discontinued operations for the year ended 31/03/2021.
- UltraTech Nathdwara Cement Limited's ("UNCL") wholly owned subsidiary, Star Super Cement Industries LLC ("SSCILLC") was previously classified as "held for sale". During the three months ended 31/12/20, it was decided to make it a part of the continuing operations, considering the synergies available with the existing capacity. Consequently, the Group had changed its plan to sell SSCILLC and instead continued its business operations. UNCL had sold SSCILLC to UltraTech Cement Middle East Investments Limited ("UCMEIL"), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, on 23/11/2020. Accordingly, SSCILLC has ceased to be classified as "held for sale" and the financial results of SSCILLC previously presented as discontinued operations have been reclassified as per Ind AS 105 "Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations" and included in income from continuing operations for all periods presented and required adjustments have been made to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities of SSCILLC. Accordingly, consolidated financial results for the quarter and year ended 31/03/2020 as included in this Statement have been restated.
- During the year ended 31/03/2021, UNCL through its subsidiary, Krishna Holdings Pte. Ltd, ("Krishna"), a company incorporated in Singapore has completed the divestment of its entire equity shareholding of 92.5% in its cement subsidiary at a net consideration of USD 94.70 Mn. and has recorded net gain on divestment of ₹437.68 crores.
- Exceptional item of ₹164 crores for the year ended 31/03/2021 represents a one-time expense upon receiving an order dated 17/07/2020, issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court denying the Company's claim of capital investment subsidy, sanctioned in 2010 under Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme -2003, an impairment provision of ₹38.82 crores has been made towards old advances for purchase of certain land wherein the Company has reassessed its ability to recover such advances during the three months ended 31/03/2021 and ₹96.74 crores for the year ended 31/03/2021.
- The Government of India, on 20/09/2019, vide the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2019, inserted a new Section 115BAA in the Income Tax Act, 1961, which provides an option to the Company for paying Income Tax at reduced rates as per the provisions/ conditions defined in the said section. The Company is continuing to provide for income tax at the old rates, based on the available outstanding MAT credit entitlement and various exemptions and deductions available to the Company under the Income Tax Act, 1961. However, the company had applied the lower income tax rates on the deferred tax assets/liabilities to the extent these were expected to be realised or settled in the future period when the Company may be subjected to lower tax rate and accordingly reversed net deferred tax liability of ₹2,109.46 Crores during the year ended 31/03/2020.
- Under the Sabka Vishwas (Legacy Dispute Resolution) Scheme 2019, announced by the Government of India, the Company had provided a one-time expense of ₹130.66 Crores as part of Other Expenses, against various disputed liabilities for the year ended 31/03/2020.
- Key Standalone Financial Information:

Particulars	₹ in Crores			
	Three months ended 31/03/2021	Year ended 31/03/2021	Three months ended 31/03/2020 (Restated)	Year ended 31/03/2020 (Restated)
Total Income from Operations	14,049.99	43,977.02	10,584.22	41,375.75
Net Profit for the period (before Taxes and Exceptional Item)	2,643.01	8,060.07	1,444.83	5,219.76
Net Profit for the period before Taxes (after Exceptional Item)	2,643.01	7,896.07	1,444.83	5,219.76
Net Profit for the period after Taxes (after Exceptional Item)	1,777.55	5,342.07	2,906.32	5,455.54

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Audited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Audited Financial Results is available on the stock exchange websites, [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website [www.ultratechcement.com](http://www.ultratechcement.com).

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**COVID VACCINATION**

# Mumbai soon to get 3 more drive-in vaccination centres

Facilities to start at Willingdon Sports Club, NSCI parking lot & Andheri Sports Complex

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A day after the Brihamumbai Municipal Commissioner's (BMC) directive to start at least seven more drive in vaccination centres, Mumbai will get three more such facilities with one being started at the elite Willingdon Sports Club in Tardeo from Saturday at 11 am, while other two are at Worli's National Sports Club of India (NSCI) parking lot and Andheri Sports Complex.

After the success of the first drive-in vaccination centre that was set up at Dadar earlier this week, the BMC chief on Thursday directed all the zonal deputy municipal commissioners to set up one such drive in vaccination centre in each administrative zones across the city within 24 hours.

"We have decided to start only seven such drive-in vaccination centres. The first one is already existing at Dadar under G northward. One has been identified at Tardeo's Willingdon club, which starts from Sat-



urday, whereas another will start shortly at NSCI, Worli. Other zones are yet to identify spaces to set up a drive-in vaccination centre, which will be operational next week," said Suresh Kakani, Additional Municipal Commissioner (Health). "Beneficiaries would be administered the vaccine at the porch area of the restaurant while being seated in their cars. Post immunisation they will have to wait in the parking lot," said Prashant Gaikwad, assistant municipal commissioner of BMC D ward (Tardeo, Peddar road, Breach candy etc)

He added, "It is an open-air parking lot so it would ensure good ventilation in case of those coming to take the jab.

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We also have informed the traffic police along the Keshavnagar Khadye marg along with the club about starting the facility."

Meanwhile, plans are already underway to start a drive-in vaccination facility at NSCI. NSCI is Mumbai's first jumbo covid care centre that started within the dome of Worli's NSCI last year.

"Yes, we have identified NSCI for drive-in vaccination centres. The NSCI's parking lot can accommodate 800 vehicles at a time but we will be using only half of the space

while another half will have to be kept available as a waiting area for those already administered vaccine jabs to stay under observation for half an hour in case of any adverse event following immunization (AEFI)," said Sharad Ughade, assistant municipal commissioner of G (south) ward (Worli, Prabhadevi etc).

Besides this civic officials of other zones/wards are working on identifying suitable space for setting up drive in vaccination centres. "We are yet to identify a space suitable for a drive-in vaccine centre, according to the protocol. We will start one in the region by next week," said Chanda Jadhav, assistant municipal commissioner of A ward (Churchgate, Fort and Colaba, Vinayak Vispute, assistant municipal commissioner of H (west) ward (Bandra west, Khar) said: "We have identified two to three spaces, we are working on these options. By Saturday we will be able to shortlist one of the three options to set up a drive-in vaccine centre."

## About 10% of city's population living in Covid-affected zones

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Nearly ten percent of Mumbai's population is now living in Covid affected areas, marked as micro containment zones (MCZs), slum areas identified as Containment Zones (CZ) and Sealed Floors (SF) of residential buildings.

Mumbai has an approximate population of two crores and presently as many as 20 lakh Mumbaikars are living in the Covid affected zones.

As per the latest, Brihamumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) data, as many as 12.92 lakh people are presently staying inside buildings with sealed floors, 4.05 lakh people are staying at MCZs and 5.34 lakh people are staying at slum areas marked as CZs. Majority of this population is based at the western suburbs and upscale wards that has high number of high rises and gated societies.

When the pandemic was at its peak, last year, nearly 40 percent of the entire city's population was residing in sealed buildings and containment zones, however the percentage of population came down and varied between 12-15 percent after the first wave



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started to recede gradually. Earlier on April 28, nearly 30 lakh people were living the covid affected zones and owing to the fall in cases the number of containment zones has also started to decline.

Senior civic officials however pointed out that so many people are staying in the areas doesn't mean that all of them are covid affected.

"While there are 20 lakh people residing in containment zones, there are around five

lakh active cases in Mumbai. If there are multiple cases in a building or household we have to seal its premises and all the other people living there are being marked as those living in containment zones," said an official. If people continue to follow the rules and get them vaccinated then the number may fall by another ten percent in next three months," the official added.

Bhagyashree Kapse, assistant municipal commissioner and ward officer of R Central ward, which covers the Borivli area and has the highest number of buildings with SFs said that unlike February March only one or two cases are being reported from the buildings.

"The case tally has fallen sharply in the past ten days, earlier there were more than 50 containment zones in my ward but now the number has fallen to zero and we have only buildings with sealed floors," she said.

Vinayak Vispute, assistant municipal commissioner and in-charge of H west (HW) ward, that covers the Bandra West area has said that with people getting vaccinated day by day, the infection tally will fall automatically.

## Beneficiaries' turnout dips, 41K inoculated

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Beneficiaries' turnout dropped 31.66 per cent in the last 24 hours across Mumbai. According to the data, 41,107 beneficiaries were inoculated on Friday as compared to 60,153 beneficiaries who were administered the vaccine a day before. The civic officials have attributed this drop to the walk-in registration being closed and only beneficiaries with registration were allowed at all vaccine centres in the city.

As per the Brihamumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), 26.21 lakh persons have received coronavirus vaccine jabs, including 6.05 lakh who have received both doses, in the city as of Friday evening. Moreover, those who want a vaccine dose must register themselves on the Co-WIN portal and book a slot at a vaccination centre of their choice before reaching there.

According to the data beneficiaries above 45 years of age were also reduced on Friday. Only 16,324 were vaccinated as compared to 28,619 which was done just a day before. "We have closed walk-in beneficiaries at all centres due to which there has been a reduction," said a senior health official.

# Nursing homes can't keep critical patients

BMC directs to shift serious Covid patients to civic hospitals without wasting crucial time

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As the number of Covid-19 deaths in Mumbai continues to rise steadily, the Brihamumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has now directed the smaller nursing homes treating Covid patients to immediately refer or shift them to civic hospitals. The BMC warned smaller hospitals to shift critical patients without conducting any experimental treatment and wasting crucial time.

Last week, BMC commissioner Iqbal Singh Chahal had said that smaller private hospitals have been admitting more patients than their oxygen bed capacity, then shift them to major hospitals when the case gets critical this the civic body was reviewing. As



against this, the BMC administration has claimed that they have enough oxygen beds available.

"We have strictly instructed the smaller and private hospitals and nursing homes to not wait till the condition of the patient gets critical if the case looks serious immediately shift the patient to tertiary hospitals or bigger institutes run by the civic body like KEM, Sion hospital and Nair etc," said Suresh Kakani, Additional Municipal Commis-

sioner (Health). "Many nursing homes do not have ICUs or enough number of ventilators. The patients are shifted to the BMC run hospitals from the nursing homes only after their condition becomes critical and have lost crucial time. It gets difficult to recuperate. Therefore, when it is suspected that the condition of the patient is getting serious, the nursing home should immediately contact the ward war room and shift," explained Kakani. These instructions were given as part of the civic body's campaign Mission Save lives, which was launched by the BMC last year to reduce the number of fatalities across the city.

Although the number of patients in Mumbai is declining, the death toll is still rising steadily. The city recorded 425

deaths in the third week of April. In the last week of the month, the deaths surged to 489 and the weekly mortality rate increased to 1.50 per cent as compared to 0.83 per cent in the previous week.

"Patients who have been rushed to private nursing homes are often treated on the spot, even if they are found to be in poor health, and are referred to municipal hospitals/tertiary hospitals or bigger hospitals when the critical condition. The decision was taken after it was pointed out that small private hospitals have been largely responsible for high death rates in city, we are still analysing the number of deaths if they were shifted from smaller hospitals only when critical," said another BMC official.



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- UltraTech Nathdwara Cement Limited's (UNCL) wholly owned subsidiary, Star Super Cement Industries LLC ("SSCILLC") was previously classified as 'held for sale'. During the three months ended 31/12/20, it was decided to make it a part of the continuing operations, considering the synergies available with the existing capacity. Consequently, the Group had changed its plan to sell SSCILLC and instead continued its business operations. UNCL had sold SSCILLC to UltraTech Cement Middle East Investments Limited ("ULCEMIL"), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, on 23/11/2020. Accordingly, SSCILLC has ceased to be classified as 'held for sale' and the financial results of SSCILLC previously presented as discontinued operations have been reclassified as per Ind AS 105 'Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations' and included in income from continuing operations for all periods presented and required adjustments have been made to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities of SSCILLC. Accordingly, consolidated financial results for the quarter and year ended 31/03/2020 as included in this Statement have been restated.
- During the year ended 31/03/2021, UNCL through its subsidiary, Krishna Holdings Pte. Ltd, (Krishna), a company incorporated in Singapore has completed the divestment of its entire equity shareholding of 92.5% in its cement subsidiary at a net consideration of USD 94.70 Mn. and has recorded net gain on divestment of ₹437.68 crores.
- Exceptional Item of ₹164 crores for the year ended 31/03/2021 represents a one-time expense upon receiving an order dated 17/07/2020, issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court denying the Company's claim of capital investment subsidy, sanctioned in 2010 under Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme-2003, an impairment provision of ₹38.82 crores has been made towards old advances for purchase of certain land wherein the Company has reassessed its ability to recover such advances during the three months ended 31/03/2021 and ₹96.74 crores for the year ended 31/03/2021.
- The Government of India, on 20/09/2019, vide the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2019, inserted a new Section 115BAA in the Income Tax Act, 1961, which provides an option to the Company for paying Income Tax at reduced rates as per the provisions/ conditions defined in the said section. The Company is continuing to provide for income tax at the old rates, based on the available outstanding MAT credit entitlement and various exemptions and deductions available to the Company under the Income Tax Act, 1961. However, the Company had applied the lower income tax rates on the deferred tax assets/liabilities to the extent these were expected to be realised or settled in the future period when the Company may be subjected to lower tax rate and accordingly reversed net deferred tax liability of ₹2,109.46 Crores during the year ended 31/03/2020.
- Under the Sabka Vishwas (Legacy Dispute Resolution) Scheme 2019, announced by the Government of India, the Company had provided a one-time expense of ₹130.66 Crores as part of Other Expenses, against various disputed liabilities for the year ended 31/03/2020.
- Key Standalone Financial Information:

₹ in Crores

Particulars	Three months ended 31/03/2021	Year ended 31/03/2021	Three months ended 31/03/2020 (Restated)	Year ended 31/03/2020 (Restated)
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Net Profit for the period (before Taxes and Exceptional Item)	2,643.01	8,060.07	1,444.83	5,219.76
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## State witnesses marginal drop in fresh Covid cases

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There was a slight drop in the number of Covid cases across Maharashtra on Friday, with 54,022 new infections and 898 Covid-19 deaths in the last 24 hours, pushing its tally 49,96,758, with 74,413 fatalities so far.

"Of the 898 deaths reported today 385 occurred in the last 48 hours and 199 in the last week. Rest 314 deaths are from the period before last week. Out of the 314 deaths, 97 occurred in Nashik, 41 in Nagpur, 29 in Pune, 25 in Aurangabad, 22 in Thane, 15 in Dhule, 12 in Raigad, 10 in Nanded, eight each in Gondia, Solapur, seven in Chandrapur, six in Bhandara, Buldhana, Parbhani, four in Jalna, three each in Beed, Gadchiroli, Sangli, two each in Jalgaon, Ratnagiri and one each in Kolhapur, Latur, Osmanabad, Sindhudurg and Yavatmal," said a senior health official.

Mumbai has witnessed more than 3,000 Covid-19 cases for the second day in a row on Friday, with 3,039 new infections and 71 Covid-19 fatalities in the last 24 hours, increasing the total count to 6,71,394, with 13,687 deaths till now.



Meanwhile, 4,052 covid patients have recovered on Friday, taking the total recovery count to 6,06,435.

According to Dr Tatraro Lahane, director, Directorate of Medical Education and Research (DMER), the deaths have increased corresponding with the surge of the virus.

"We saw increasing deaths due to the second wave which was more lethal than the first one. The current deaths are of those who have been affected mostly two weeks ago. Due to the lockdown, we will see the deaths stabilising and even coming down in the coming days," said Lahane.

Moreover they have seen the new cases stabilising in 19 districts across the state. The numbers will come down further in the next 15 days. The stabilisation will be replicated across the other districts too in the coming days.

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## On track to achieve 2021 sustainability targets

### UltraTech cuts greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by ~ 21.5% from base year 2005-06

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#### Extract of Consolidated Audited Financial Results for the Three Months and Year ended 31/03/2021

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