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Furore in civic standing panel

By A Staff Reporter

BOMBAY, November 5: Tempers ran high in the Bombay municipal standing committee when Mrs. Alka Desai (Congress-U) clashed with Mr. V. G. Dharap, chairman, over an item relating to revision of grades of officers in the labour and labour welfare department.

Rather unusually, Mr. Dharap asked for postponement of the item since it would have repercussions on the grades of officers in other departments. This touched off the clash with Mrs. Desai questioning the need for the postponement of an item pending in the committee for over a year.

As Mrs. Desai raised her voice in defiance, Mr. Dharap warned her against talking loudly, but she insisted on her right to be heard. Later, other members who supported her pacified her.

Earlier, the committee members were unable to vote on an adjournment motion for want of sufficient information to help them make up their minds. The motion was tabled by Mr. B. S. Shelar (CPI) to protest against the civic administration for converting an industrial zone to a residential zone.

Several members insisted through point of order that the commissioner or his deputy should come to the meetings fully equipped with all relevant information relating to the motion given notice of well in advance.

The chairman reserved his ruling on the points of order.

HP doing its best to clear LPG backlog

By A Staff Reporter

BOMBAY, November 5: Hindustan Petroleum Corporation is trying its best to clear the backlog of orders for the LPG as the 'go slow' tactics adopted by its employees has come to an end. With the commissioning of the new bottling plant at Mahul today, the Corporation would be able to clear the backlog latest by the end of this month.

Announcing this to the newsmen here today Mr. R. M. Bhandari, chairman of the Corporation, said that the commissioning of the new plant would not only clear the backlog of orders but would be a sufficient base for new enrolment beginning from February next. He felt that with the commissioning of the Mahul plant and the possibility of getting sufficient LPG from early next month, the Corporation would start registering applications for two cylinders against only one at present.

Fire in hutments

By A Staff Reporter

BOMBAY, November 5: A number of tar drums and a few huts were destroyed in a fire which swept through a small hutment colony at Jogeshwari (West) this evening, according to fire-brigade sources.

No one was killed or injured. The fire broke out at about 7 p.m., and fire-fighting operations were in progress even after 10 p.m., a spokesman of the fire-brigade said tonight.

Dandekar was top civil servant

By A Staff Reporter

BOMBAY, November 5.

MR. N. Dandekar, a former Swatantra party M.P. and a retired member of the Indian Civil Service who died at the Breach Candy Hospital yesterday, was the first Indian president of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

An eminent industrialist and practising accountant, he gained a vast deal of experience as one of the country's top civil servants and the years he spent in government sharpened his intellect and brought him



Mr. N. Dandekar

firsthand knowledge of how a bureaucracy should not function.

Mr. Dandekar distinguished himself in a wide variety of fields before he entered politics.

He campaigned vigorously against floor-crossing and deeply deplored the practice particularly when a member chose to switch sides when the numerical difference between the ruling party and the opposition was marginal.

Refuting the oft-repeated charge

City to receive more water during Divali

By A Staff Reporter

BOMBAY, November 5: Greater Bombay will receive 405 million gallons a day (mgd) of water during Divali. Mr. V. D. Desai, deputy municipal commissioner (special engineering), announced in the Bombay municipal standing committee meeting today.

This quantity would be about 30 mgd more than what the metropolis is receiving today.

Mr. Desai also assured that after Divali efforts would be made to gradually increase the water supply.

Mr. Desai said pressures, too, would gradually improve in most areas of the city.

He was replying to queries by the members of the committee.

that the party he represented was capitalist. Mr. Dandekar countered that the Swatantra Party believed in fundamental rights, was against excessive controls which hindered the country's progress and wanted greater freedom of trade with equal opportunity for all.

While he sat in Parliament, he never indulged in fireworks. His appeal was never emotional but analytical. He hit the headlines in a maiden speech on a no-confidence motion against the Lal Bahadur Shastri ministry in 1965.

The most handsome compliment paid to an opposition member from the treasury benches was one by the then Union finance minister, Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, who said that he would not enter in an argument with Mr. Dandekar because there was nothing on the subject that the ex-ICS man did not know that was worth knowing.

During his long and chequered career, Mr. Dandekar was twice elected a member of the Lok Sabha and, as a member of the bonus commission, submitted a note of dissent which ultimately led to the bonus act of 1965.

He is survived by his wife and three sons.

The funeral held at Chendanwadi on Wednesday afternoon was attended by a large number of relatives, political associates and colleagues from the business and financial fields.

Dr. N. K. Somani, paying homage to the departed, said in Mr. Dandekar's death a most illustrious and upright Indian had been taken away from our midst.

"His services to the country, first as an ICS officer, then in the income-tax department, as an MP and as a director of several large corporate bodies, are too numerous to be recalled."

"This is indeed a grievous loss to our public life and his services to the nation should be permanently commemorated in a suitable manner," Dr. Somani said.

Mr. Dandekar will be remembered for his contribution towards legislation which ensured reservation of the entire coastal cargo for the coastal ships.

He attended the first Asian maritime conference in 1953 in Sri Lanka and was instrumental, on return, in the setting up of seamen's employment offices here (in 1954) and in Calcutta (1955).

Today, a wreath was placed on his body on behalf of the INSA. Mr. T. M. Goculdas, president of the INSA, sent a condolence message to Mrs. Dandekar.

Marathi poet dead

AURANGABAD, November 5 (UNI): Dr. Shankarlal J. Powar, a noted Marathi poet, writer and dramatist of Marathwada, died here today after a prolonged illness. He was 75.

Dr. Powar was associated with the local literary, social and cultural organisations. He also wrote and published children's literature, including poetry and short stories.

He leaves his wife, son and daughters.

11 policemen hurt in stone-throwing

By Our Correspondent

Mini-lottery results

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