

Audio clip released by Jarange: Fadnavis orders forensic probe

Minister Uday Samant says allegations an attempt to create discord among the Marathas

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CHIEF MINISTER Devendra Fadnavis on Friday ordered a probe using forensic analysis to find the authenticity of the purported audio clip released by Maratha reservation activist Manoj Jarange Patil, claiming that it backs his allegation against Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

Jarange had alleged that Shinde arranged for Rs500 crore to be paid to him, through his son Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde, to end his agitation.

Speaking to mediapersons in Nagpur, Fadnavis said, "I have ordered a forensic probe. The matter will be thoroughly investigated to find its authenticity. Even Jarange Patil has demanded investigation. The Shiv Sena leaders and ministers had met me seeking a thorough probe." "The question is why has such audio clips surfaced after 2.5 years. What was the motive and whom are they targeting," Fadnavis said, adding that the party has nothing to hide on such matters.

On Thursday, Sena Minister Uday Samant urged Fadnavis to order a detailed investigation by the forensic laboratory and cyber cell into the audio clip, claiming that it appeared to be an attempt to create discord within the Maratha community.

He alleged that the individuals heard in the conversation were associated with the BJP and called for their voice samples to be examined by a forensic laboratory.

He further alleged that the clip was part of a conspiracy to defame Shinde and MP Shrikant Shinde.

Samant said some voices in the recording appeared to resemble those of Shweta Shalini, who is associated with the BJP's social media operations, BJP MLA Atul Bhatkalkar and You-Tuber Sushil Kulkarni.

Why has Jarange turned against Shinde? From a glass of juice to a Rs 500-cr row

Zeeshan Shaikh
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IN SEPTEMBER 2023, Eknath Shinde offered Manoj Jarange-Patil a glass of fruit juice as the Maratha reservation activist ended his 17-day hunger strike. The meeting at Antarwali Sarati in Jalna district was a breakthrough for the then Chief Minister, who had persuaded Jarange-Patil to call off his agitation.

"I have maintained since day one that my belief is that only Eknath Shinde can give justice to the Maratha community," Jarange-Patil said on September 14, 2023. He also expressed confidence that Shinde could take the decision needed to secure reservation.

Three years later, Jarange-Patil is accusing Shinde of being linked to an alleged attempt to buy his silence. At a rally in Beed on October 20, he claimed that Shinde had told BJP leaders that Rs 500 crore had been paid to him to stop his agitation. He also questioned whether the money had been routed through Shinde's son, Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde.

On October 22, Jarange-Patil released a purported audio recording that he claimed supported his allegations. The recording has not been independently authenticated, and the allegation of a payment remains unproven. Shinde has denied giving or receiving any such money.

When Shinde was the man who could deliver

Jarange-Patil's agitation gathered momentum after a police lathicharge at Antarwali Sarati on September 1, 2023. Shinde visited the protest site on September 14, assured him that the government would work towards reservation and persuaded him to end his fast.

The truce did not last. Jarange-Patil resumed his hunger strike in October, pressing the government to act faster. Shinde continued to hold talks with him, and in January 2024, another round of negotiations



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led the activist to call off his march towards Mumbai.

At this stage, Jarange-Patil was repeatedly targeting then Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, while Shinde remained an important interlocutor in the negotiations. The Chief Minister's ability to reach an understanding with the activist helped him establish a working relationship with Patil, who left no stone unturned in praising Shinde while at the same time targeting Fadnavis.

The rupture

The first major public break came in February 2024 after Jarange-Patil accused Fadnavis of conspiring to eliminate him. Shinde responded by questioning the activist's conduct and warning him against crossing limits.

"Initially, Jarange Patil made genuine demands and was honest with his cause. But now he is constantly changing his demands. Despite that we fulfilled all the demands... now his language has changed..." he is speaking the language of Opposition leaders Sharad Pawar and Uddhav Thackeray," Shinde had said in February 2024. This was one of the first instances of Shinde publicly speaking against Jarange.

However, their working relationship seemed to have remained unaffected.

The political equations changed after the 2024 Assembly elections, when Fadnavis became Chief Minister and Shinde took over as Deputy Chief Minister.

In August 2025, Jarange-Patil began another hunger strike at Mumbai's Azad Maidan. The government agreed to steps involving the Hyderabad Gazetteer to help eligible Marathas establish their Kunbi lineage. Jarange-Patil called off the five day protest after negotiations and a government resolution. While the Maratha reservation issue remained unresolved, the relationship between Shinde and Patil started going downhill.

The Parbhani showdown

The distance between the two became more apparent on August 31, 2026, when Shinde attended a farmers' rally in Parbhani despite Jarange-Patil's objections. The activist, who was then on hunger strike at Antarwali Sarati, had asked Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Jadhav to cancel the programme and warned Shinde against attending.

Jadhav refused, and Shinde went ahead with the rally. Jarange-Patil's supporters raised slogans and displayed black flags at Shinde.

The episode brought the differences into the open, with Patil publicly challenging Deputy

Chief Minister Shinde's political programme in Marathwada.

After ending his latest hunger strike on September 17, Jarange-Patil accused Shinde and Fadnavis of acting against the Maratha community. He alleged that cases against protesters and inquiries by government agencies were part of an effort to suppress the movement. These claims have not been established.

The Rs 500 crore allegation

The latest confrontation began with Jarange-Patil's allegation at his October 20 Dusehra rally in Beed that Shinde had told BJP leaders that Rs 500 crore had been paid to silence him.

"Whatever I heard apparently happened two and a half years ago. I have come to know from some leaders that Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde told the BJP leadership that they should pay Rs500 crore to Jarange-Patil to silence him," he said.

Shinde rejected the allegation on October 21.

"I have neither given Rs500 crore to anyone nor taken it from anyone. On what basis is Jarange speaking? He should have verified the facts before speaking," he told reporters. He asked Jarange-Patil to submit evidence to the authorities.

On Thursday, Jarange-Patil played a purported audio recording at a press conference in Jalna. He alleged it contained a conversation among BJP functionaries about efforts to counter his influence before the 2024 Assembly elections, including references to money allegedly paid to him through Shrikant Shinde.

The disclosure has also drawn the BJP and Shinde's Shiv Sena into a public dispute. A Shiv Sena delegation met Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday evening, demanding a forensic and cyber investigation, while the BJP has called for an inquiry into whether the recording is genuine or fabricated.

Maharashtra inducts over 250 Agniveers into coastal police, exempts them from fresh tests

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THE MAHARASHTRA government has inducted more than 250 former Agniveers from the Indian Navy into the state's coastal police force, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said in Nagpur on Friday. The personnel have been exempt from fresh recruitment tests in view of their military training and service.

Fadnavis said the government had decided to accommodate Agniveers completing their four-year tenure in the armed forces if they wished to join the state police.

"These personnel have undergone extensive training and have also served along the borders. They possess considerable capabilities, making them valuable additions to the police force," he said.

The first batch inducted under the initiative comprises Navy personnel, who will strengthen maritime security. Fadnavis said the move would also help build capacity in the coastal police force, which requires specialised training to secure the state's maritime borders.

"We had to make some changes to the rules to accommodate them. We have done so and inducted all of them into the police force," he said.

He added that the induction would also address the need to build capacity within the coastal police force, which requires specialised training for securing the state's maritime borders.

Clarifying the recruitment process, Fadnavis said the appointments were made through direct recruitment, without fresh examinations.

"They have already undergone a very difficult selection process to enter the armed forces. Therefore, there was no need for them to undergo another test. Appointment orders have been issued to them directly," he said.

Last month, Fadnavis had announced that Agniveers completing their four-year military tenure would be accommodated in the Maharashtra Police and other state government forces without having to undergo fresh examinations or training.

Man beaten to death in dispute over beer bar; caught on video



The accused Pawan Dilip Parashar and the victim Devesh alias Bunty Chandresh Dixit. EXPRESS

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A 35-YEAR-OLD man was killed on a busy road in Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar following a dispute over providing protection to a beer bar. The incident occurred between Bajrang Chowk and Baliram Patil Chowk, near Bharat Gas and Sapna Market in the city.

The victim, identified as Devesh alias Bunty Chandresh Dixit, was riding a bike when a white Volkswagen car rammed into him from behind.

Police have said that the accused, 22-year-old Pawan Dilip Parashar, drove a short distance, took a U-turn, returned to the spot with an iron rod, and repeatedly struck Devesh on his head and face.

He fled from the crime scene after the assault, but later surrendered at the CIDCO police station. A video of the incident has now surfaced on social media.

Onlookers rushed Devesh to the Government Medical College and Hospital, where doc-

tors declared him dead, said Police Inspector Atul Yermere Reddy.

The police have registered a murder case following a complaint from Devesh's brother.

The murder appears to have stemmed from a professional rivalry between the accused and the victim over protecting a beer bar in the city, preliminary investigation showed.

Devesh Dixit had earlier been handling disputes at the bar, including scuffles and instances of customers refusing to pay their bills. The dispute between Dixit and Parashar erupted after the bar owner assigned the responsibilities to the latter, a police officer said.

"Dixit would allegedly taunt the bar owner and the accused, saying that a 'kid' was now protecting the bar. His remarks angered Parashar, leading to a rivalry over the business," the officer said.

Police are investigating the sequence of incidents leading up to the murder and whether the victim was deliberately tracked before the attack.



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S. No.	Auction Center CSB Branch	Account Name	Client ID	No. of Acc.	Bal. Outstanding as on 21.10.2026	Weight (grams)
1	Jalna	Deepak Sitaram Kude	10252118	002	6,03,875.78	57.10
2	Jalna	Govind Mohan Chavan	10248517	001	1,05,653.06	11.00
3	Jalna	Haribhav Chokha Chavhan	10257526	001	4,25,534.74	42.50
4	Jalna	Kalyanrao Jagannath Dighe	07621598	003	2,69,709.18	25.70
5	Jalna	Pradip Chhaburao Bhale Rao	04689096	004	2,78,425.15	42.30
6	Jalna	Sachin Panditrao Aaher	05052806	001	37,223.46	7.50
7	Jalna	Sainath Namdev Rathod	04778403	002	5,88,291.49	56.60
8	Jalna	Shivaji Aasaram Kale	04832159	002	1,23,138.36	19.90
9	Jalna	Sima Sagar Wagh	10032750	003	2,14,136.77	26.00
10	Jalna	Sonli Ralfi Sayad	10242153	001	58,088.12	6.50
11	Jalna	Sukhdev Satvikkar	1005441	001	1,29,441.42	16.90
12	Talegaon	Anil Parshuram Kavarande	10197604	003	25,22,921.97	225.91
13	Talegaon	Bajirao Ashok Khanekar	10062188	001	2,05,641.92	26.84
14	Talegaon	Nilram Sanjay Keshapur	08268624	001	1,14,788.85	22.00
15	Talegaon	Pooja Tukaram Chavan	10355224	001	4,75,093.13	42.48
16	Talegaon	Rajini Prabhu Rajendran	07859698	001	8,29,532.32	154.00
17	Talegaon	Shankar Kalan Gaikwad	08139128	001	2,51,389.96	25.30
18	Talegaon	Urmila Dattatray Khengle	08295886	001	1,63,018.06	32.84
19	Ambeegaon	Umesh Narhari Pandit	10326266	001	6,89,098.93	57.67
20	Donawade	Advhut Vilas Patil	10244807	001	7,13,601.44	68.21
21	Donawade	Dattatray Balwant Sabale	08197551	001	1,03,643.57	9.47
22	Donawade	Ekanath Machindra Powar	10051836	001	12,67,242.15	119.72
23	Donawade	Madhukar Bhikaji Madake	10242715	001	2,75,330.18	20.00
24	Donawade	Nitin Bhagawan Shinde	04492023	002	12,18,395.57	113.82
25	Donawade	Vaibhav Rajaram Patil	07764615	002	1,88,397.01	18.19
26	Donawade	Vidya Bhagwan Kamble	10248938	001	1,29,999.84	12.19
27	Kedgaon	Aappa Balasa Thorat	10247701	004	3,56,157.21	34.46
28	Kedgaon	Anil Prakash Thorat	07984111	002	22,27,197.37	207.59
29	Kedgaon	Akshay Dilip Thorat	10119771	002	4,58,080.90	51.99
30	Kedgaon	Ganesh Uddhavrao Dhavale	10247873	002	9,40,898.28	90.13
31	Kedgaon	Nachiket Balkrishna Dudhal	08249121	001	7,87,109.23	74.60
32	Kedgaon	Sachin Dadasaheb Shinde	10001057	001	1,35,189.58	11.60
33	Kedgaon	Sagar Ramchandra Shitole	10261861	003	5,21,062.90	48.59
34	Kedgaon	Sakshi Dipak Sonavane	10252325	001	1,22,392.65	8.33
35	Kedgaon	Santosh Babanrao Waghole	08215377	003	16,70,968.68	148.00
36	Kedgaon	Shilpa Swapnil Kamble	10247110	001	1,95,141.28	18.42
37	Kedgaon	Somnath Balasaheb Nimalkar	10259591	001	2,26,011.22	20.80
38	Kedgaon	Suraj Balasaheb Divekar	10489163	001	7,22,395.41	66.86
39	Kedgaon	Yogesh Sunil Dhaigude	10240433	002	6,32,328.31	64.98
40	Alphata	Arjun Shivaji Jadhav	04801620	001	2,75,369.96	9.00
41	Alphata	Aslam Chandubhai Hawaldar	10014497	001	1,04,979.33	10.00
42	Alphata	Hrushikesh Bhimaji Divekar	10249808	001	3,13,984.99	30.00
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44	Alphata	Rajesh Jalindar Parve	10241441	001	70,147.85	6.65
45	Alphata	Sagar Rodiba Kargal	07916874	002	11,88,553.01	113.85
46	Alphata	Vikas Shivaji Jadhav	04801620	001	97,500.45	9.00
47	Alphata	Yewale Ramesh Baban	04817770	001	2,75,323.34	29.60
48	Palus	Nagnath Ramesh Bhalewar	08209410	001	1,97,200.29	17.90
49	Palus	Rahul Anandrao Jadhav	07813367	001	7,44,272.16	69.20
50	Palus	Yuvraj Dilip Pawar	05076165	001	4,35,557.97	41.50
51	Kavilgaon-Kandor	Hanumant Madhukar Khabale	07933157	002	15,03,855.42	138.60
52	Kavilgaon-Kandor	Navanath Suryakant Gaikwad	10247037	001	2,32,840.20	22.00
53	Kavilgaon-Kandor	Navnath Prabhakar Kale	04809706	001	1,90,259.84	17.70
54	Kavilgaon-Kandor	Pandurang Balu Shingare	10058212	001	1,62,374.49	21.20
55	Kavilgaon-Kandor	Vaibhav Bapurao Shinde	04841414	001	1,14,519.42	15.00
56	Mohadi	Ajit Chandrakant Desale	07799604	001	4,88,628.91	51.20
57	Mohadi	Rohini Ravindra Mulay	10225526	001	8,16,706.47	86.00
58	Mohadi	Shankar Dnyaneshwar Gadhe	08272552	001	1,14,183.30	13.40
59	Mohadi	Shivaji Swapnil Wani	10256233	001	2,04,965.48	20.50
60	Khed	Anjum Rahli Kovalchi				