

Bombay HC sends NGO chief to Navi Mumbai to verify feeding spots for stray dogs

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Singh said Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation had already issued tenders calling for construction of fencing around tree line areas to protect them and hence, the feeding spots created by SEL fell within these tree lines and were absolutely usable.



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