

entire process was the user being asked to provide login id and password.
-K Ramachandran, Father



I'm happy with the online process introduced by the government as now we don't have to visit every college for cumbersome admission process. But it is also not easy to apply online because the site is too slow. After wasting two-three days, I finally got through the whole process on Sunday.

-Malini Shah, Student

It was very difficult to log on and fill the form on the website; it crashed frequently because of the load. It took me an entire day to fill the form before it crashed. But now things are improving. It is a good initiative because now we don't have to stand in long queues outside colleges, especially in the rains. Online admission has made things easier for students as well as parents as now admission has become quicker, easier and simpler.

-Niket Shah, Student



I have already submitted the online form and I am happy with the process. It was a bit confusing initially. But if filled with proper concentration, then I don't think there is any difficulties. Also, one needs to make sure that proper information is filled in; otherwise it can lead to some problems.

-Shefali Mittal, Student

The website is too slow; the main reason behind it is that everyone is anxious and wants to fill their applications as soon as possible. As a result, the site takes time to open up or crashes. It took me hours to complete the whole procedure. I don't find anything negative about the site except that it is slow. Another thing: the person, who has to access to internet only through a cyber café, will have to spend more money.

-Vasundhara Bisht, Student



The online process is an excellent idea if the system works properly. There are too many loopholes and it is not at all reliable. While filling the form, many questions are left unanswered. The codes of the colleges keep on changing and if a student goes up in writing the codes then the log-in fails.

-Sandesh Pradhan, Father

The new admission system is of great help especially during monsoon. Although, it tends to become difficult for people who don't have access to internet. I faced difficulties in a cyber café in my locality as it took hours to fill the form. So, I ended up taking help of my relatives. The website takes a lot of time to open up. Even if the website is too slow, it is still a better option to standing in queues.

-Saroj Sarb, Mother



My daughter and I were unable to fill the form because it was very confusing, and had to take help from others before submitting it. I think every new project takes time to settle down and even in due course of time people will become comfortable with the new admission process.

-Bhisakar Thase, Father



This means vehicles carrying more than three people will have a separate lane for them. This would encourage more people to use one vehicle.

4 BEST aims at putting at least 200 more air-conditioned buses on the roads by December 2009. And there will be dedicated lanes for these buses.

5 Some charges like congestion charge could be applied in certain areas.

We need better public transport

I don't agree with the suggestion of dedicated lane for cars with high occupancy because it won't work the way government plans to. People usually travel by cars because they want their privacy and even if people carpool, it won't be able to reduce the congestion on roads as cars are mostly four-seater. Instead of this, there should be more dedicated lanes for BEST and BEST buses. They have higher capacity than cars and will definitely decongest roads.



Sudhir Badam

The government has to make sure that there is good and sufficient amount of public transport available in the city. We need dedicated lanes for buses so that traffic can move faster. The suggestions have to be implemented and enforced otherwise they will be superficial.

The restriction put on cars with certain numbers is not going to work because if one needs to travel to the city they will do so by taking a taxi. So how is it going to decongest the roads? It will only reduce the traffic by 20% and will cause inconvenience to the people. But if we have safer, quick and comfortable way of public transportation then people won't mind using them rather than their cars.

Transport expert

People's support can make it a success

I think the suggestions made by the government are good, especially keeping in mind the growing number of cars in the city. The government has to come up with some method to curb the congestion in Mumbai. They have to try a different modus operandi. Any such measure will require public support for it to succeed.



Dimp Boraskar

There are so many cars in Mumbai and the infrastructure available doesn't support it, at least for now. The land is very limited in Mumbai, and we can't keep building infrastructure, it needs to stop at some point. And once the people realise this they will probably be conscious of purchasing a vehicle.

I also think that the government should improve the public transport so that people don't find a need to buy a vehicle; like, in New York, people prefer taking the public transport then owning a car. We need to make the city less congested and for that the government needs public support.

Former member-secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board

Such proposals will ease traffic misery

The proposition made by the government to ease traffic woes in the city is commendable. If it's implemented then it would really make a difference to the traffic situation faced by the city. Driving in this city has become a nightmare, and parking too has become a nightmare.

There are very few buildings that have adequate parking lots in their premises. So the residents are left with no option but to park their cars in the lanes outside. The decision that a person cannot buy a car unless he has a parking space, but not on the street, seems viable and might discourage people from having more than one car.

With the easy availability of car loans, purchasing a car has become a trouble-free. There needs to be a check on that too. For instance, in Singapore, while buying a car one needs to have a certificate of entitlement which authorises them to buy a car. This certificate costs around eight to ten lakhs, which would sometimes be more than the cost of a car.

The poor state of roads adds to the misery of the motorists. There is no proper discipline followed by pedestrians as well. The whole of city faces bumper to bumper traffic.

Founder, Citizen Centre for Citizen Initiative

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Parash Panchmatiya



The suggestions given by the state government are a good move. People are not realising that owning more than one vehicle can create problems for the city. If government starts separate lane for carpool and makes BEST buses luxurious then the private mode of transport will decrease on the roads.

Pretty Mirchandani



"The government is unable to solve traffic congestion and parking problems and is now creating nightmares for citizens. Instead of putting the blame on people, why cannot the authorities try to improve the condition of the roads? Government can also make multi-storey parking lots.

Ambreen Akhoun



"The steps taken by the government are good but there are various loopholes. Firstly, there are ways people can manipulate the registration of the new car while keeping the old one. Secondly, the narrow roads of Mumbai won't allow separate dedicated lanes for high capacity cars."

team speak up

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