

RAZING THE OLD TO REBUILD BHENDI BAZAAR



ONE OF THE OLDEST PARTS OF SOUTH MUMBAI IS GIVING WAY TO THE NEW. BUILDINGS ALONGSIDE THE ROZA-E-TAHERA, THE MAUSOLEUM WHICH HOUSES THE GRAVES OF THE BOHRA COMMUNITY'S SPIRITUAL LEADER SYEDNA MOHAMMED BURHANUDDIN AND HIS FATHER, ARE AMONG THE 60-ODD THAT HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED SO FAR AS PART OF THE AMBITIOUS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT UNDERTAKEN BY THE SAIFEE BURHANI UPLIFTMENT TRUST. THE PROJECT IS SPREAD OVER 16.5 ACRES OF LAND. NEARLY 1,650 FAMILIES, OVER 50% OF THE TOTAL 3,200, HAVE VACATED THE LOCALITY AND ARE LIVING IN TRANSIT CAMPS; THEY'LL BE BACK WHEN THE PLACE GETS A NEW LOOK