

# Rera registry with fine now

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**Patna:** Builders and developers who still have not registered their ongoing projects with the real estate regulatory authority (Rera), Bihar, can do so till May 31 after paying a fine.

Rera Bihar chairman Afzal Amanullah shared this information with the press on Friday. "A minimum fine of Rs 1 lakh will be imposed on those registering projects latest by May 31 and the fine amount can go up to value of the registration fee," Amanullah said.

Under the provision of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, builders and developers needed to register ongoing projects by July 31 last year, but after the state government gave a few extensions, April 30 was fixed as the last date of registration.

Amanullah said that after the new May 31 deadline, the authority will commence penal action against violators. Under the provisions of the real estate Act, such defaulters could be awarded jail term of up to three years.

Rera received application for registration of 345 ongoing projects till April 30 out of which hard copies of 181 projects had been submitted by the builders. Those who have applied



**Afzal Amanullah in Patna on Friday.** Picture by Manoj Kumar

for registration will have to submit hard copies of the document within a week failing which fines will be imposed. Over 90 per cent of the 345 applications are for projects in Patna. Applications have also been received from Muzaffarpur, Purnea, Gaya and Bhagalpur.

Amanullah alerted people about unscrupulous builders and developers who were coaxing customers to get their properties registered even though the project had not been completed. "I urge all such customers to ask builders for Rera registration number. I would also suggest that people file complaints with us if builders are putting any kind of pressure to get the incomplete projects registered in the name of customers," said the Rera chairman."

# Two held for grocery storeowner murder

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**Patna:** Police on Friday arrested two persons for the murder of a grocery shop owner, Bunty Gupta, in Gardanibagh on Thursday night.

Three men had fired at Bunty, 30, and attacked his father Dinanath Sahu, 60, at the shop in Gardanibagh's Raghunath Tola around 8.30pm. The men had come wearing surgical masks and posed as customers before attempting to rob the shop owner.

Bunty tried to resist them when he was shot four times in chest. His father came to his rescue but was shot in the foot.

Both were admitted to Paras HMRI Hospital where Bunty was declared dead, and Sahu discharged on Friday afternoon.

The police arrested Nishant, alias Nishu, and his associate Sunny from the Phulwarisharif area, around 9km from the city centre. The third assailant present at the spot, Tariq, is absconding.

The assailants were identified, the police said, with the help of CCTV camera footage from the shop.

Senior superintendent of police Manu Maharaaj said: "The police have arrested two people involved in the murder within 12 hours. There were seven people involved in the