



## BULLS EYE

### Gadkari's victory saga

Nitin Gadkari is famous for speaking whatever is going on in his mind. We have seen his social work, politics and public welfare activities from different angles for the last 30 to 40 years. We have seen his flamboyant working style sometimes with our eyes, sometimes with our intellect, sometimes by listening on, sometimes by reading, sometimes by assessing. This man's ideas and ambitions are indeed sky-high. Understanding Gadkari is a work which everyone can not do. Nitin Gadkari has his own specific way of speaking, behaving and working. In short, this seasoned politician is happy in a group of pessimistic people. He has a passion for doing every kind of work. Nitin Gadkari is always ready to help those who are in need as much as he can. His Janata Darbar is not just a Janata Darbar. It is a real people's court where issues of the masses are resolved. Solving people's issues, giving a solution to their problems is his typical working style. Guiding people in different ways from time to time is Nitinji's innate hobby. Which party does the person in front of him belong to, irrespective of this, he helps him out without even thinking about it is a rare feat that can be seen when talking to Gadkari. Gadkari is deeply concerned about the issue of agriculture and farmers. Our farmers should be financially strong. They should do various things with their hard earned money. They should not have to take steps that lead to suicide or such a situation should not arise in the very first place. For this, he has various ways of helping. The people of Nagpur always see him as a guiding light. Gadkari is always busy praising the great people in the field of literature, drama, folk art, poetry, sports and other arts. He is a pioneer in such matters. Due to all these activities, Gadkari cannot reach any programme on time. How Nitin Gadkari gets elected like this is always a question in front of many. Therefore, some petitions were filed against him in the court. Gadkari violated the code of conduct and due to this, the Lok Sabha elections were affected as a result. The case filed by a voter named Mohammad Nafees and a former Bharatiya Janata Party MP Nana Patole, who was never available on phone, was dismissed after the case was filed. The case, which unnecessarily took up his own and the court's time and also Nitin Gadkari's time, has been declared weak and meritless by the learned judges. Who had asked him to shave himself without any reason. Only he knows this. Filing cases for petty matters in our country has become a favourite hobby of some people. By filing cases, it means that they are doing something very big. Many defeated candidates take pride in creating this impression. Nana Patole almost lost the last assembly election. But he fought with his life, and fought with his tail. Therefore, Patole's legislator status remained by a margin of a hundred, two hundred votes. The opposition candidate filed such a complaint against him and his election was declared null and void. So what do we think will come out of it? We cannot defeat a wrestler in wrestling. At least there are many wrestlers in the society who use their eloquence to bring us happiness, peace and satisfaction. The slap given by the court to wrestlers who play such dirty tricks should be understood now. Gadkari is a three time MP from Nagpur. This is a relief for the people of Nagpur. Without considering caste, creed or party in any way, a true leader of the people has come out victorious and we are happy due to the decision of the Supreme Court. We are very happy about this development. In short, no matter how many tricks anyone tries to employ to trouble Nitinji, still, he comes out of all challenges unscathed. This is the real victory story of Gadkari. Congratulations to him for this accomplishment too!

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## 4 Members of a family die as tree falls on tubewell room

**New Delhi, May 2 (UNI)** Four members of a family including three children were killed when a tree fell on their makeshift room in the Najafgarh area of Delhi following storm and rain on Friday, police said. According to the police, the strong winds and rain uprooted a tree which fell on a tubewell room built on a field in Kharakadi Nahar village of Najafgarh. The room collapsed and the entire family sleeping inside was buried under the debris. Four family members, including a woman and her three children, died in the incident, while the husband was seriously injured and hospitalised. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta described the incident as tragic and distressing, saying that the district administration has been instructed to provide all necessary assistance immediately. Gupta said, "The news of the tragic death of four members of the same family and one person being injured due to a fallen tree during the strong storm and rain in Kharakadi Nahar village, Najafgarh, is extremely distressing. I pay tribute to the departed souls and express my deepest condolences to the bereaved family. I pray to God to give the grieving family the strength to bear this unbearable loss and grant the injured person a speedy recovery."

## Maha govt signs MoU worth Rs 8000 crore

**Mumbai 2 May:** The Maharashtra government on Friday signed five memorandum of understanding (MoU) worth Rs 8000 crore with two foreign universities and visual effects companies in the Wave summit. This move will help to generate 5000 direct and 20,000 indirect jobs in the state. The state government inked the partnership with DNEG-Prime Focus Limited, a global leader in visual effects and post-production services on Friday. Mr Namit Malhotra, CEO of DNEG-Prime Focus Limited was present during the signing of MoU. This partnership is expected to contribute significantly to Maharashtra's growing reputation as a centre for film and digital media production. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said that the MoU with this visual effects company will infuse Rs 3,000 crore and will create 2500 employment opportunities in the media and jobs sector. He stated that this is a crucial step in fostering the state's position as a leader in the global media and entertainment landscape. "It will also strengthen the local economy through job creation and technological innovation. The MoU aims to boost the media and entertainment industry in



Maharashtra, contributing to the state's growing economy and job market," he said. CM Fadnavis also signed the two MoUs with the two foreign universities that are University of York and University of Western Australia. He said that this move will make Maharashtra as an education hub. Vijay Singhal, the MD at CIDCO, the development body that inked the MoU with two foreign universities, said that they have demarcated 100 acres of land in Navi Mumbai exclusively for educational institutions. He said this zone close to Navi Mumbai airport will be called the edu-hub, where a minimum of ten renowned foreign universities will set up their full-fledged campuses. "Each university – the University of York and the University of Western Australia is investing Rs 1500 crore each, which will also generate thousands of jobs. These

universities are already in the process of seeking permission from the University of Grand Commission (UGC). "Until now, students often had to go abroad for higher education, but that is beginning to change," said Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. "We have developed an Edu-City, where 10 to 12 foreign universities will collaborate to offer world-class education right here in India." He noted that agreements have already been signed with two international universities, and discussions are underway with five more. "Maharashtra will be the first state to host such a cluster of global universities in one location. These two institutions will open up new avenues in education and skill development," he added. Chief minister Fadnavis called it a major success in the direction of building a strong and sustainable investment ecosystem, the first one was the launch of WAVES INDEX that will serve as a profit base for the ecosystem of investment. He said Maharashtra is now rapidly moving forward to take a leading role in the field of education as well. He further mentioned that the new Film City is being developed in Mumbai with an investment of Rs 2,000 crore.

## Did not give any promise of loan waiver for farmers: Ajit Pawar



**Kolhapur, May 2 (UNI)** Completely waving aside the Mahayuti assurance of loan waiver for farmers in the state, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar said today that he did not give any promise of loan waiver for farmers. In a press conference at Chandgad tehsil town of this district this afternoon, Ajit Pawar, who was on a brief visit to the district today, to a question on loan waiver, hit back by trying to sidestep the question, asking instead: 'Who had given loan waiver assurance? Did I give the assurance of loan waiver? I

have not given it yet." The ruling Mahayuti government had given the assurance of loan waiver for farmers in its election manifesto but could not implement the decision giving the reason of inadequate funds. However, today's statement by Ajit Pawar is likely to invite angry reactions in the state. On 'Ladki Bahin' yojana, Pawar, who is also the Finance Minister, made it clear that the government has already planned funds for this yojana. The government is trying to give the amount of such yojanas, he said. He said there was no obstacle in the development works in Raigad district despite not appointing a district guardian minister for Raigad district.

## PM Narendra Modi visits Bharat Pavilion, Maharashtra Pavilion & Gaming Arcade

**Mumbai, May 2 (UNI)** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday visited the Bharat Pavilion, Maharashtra Pavilion and Gaming Arcade set up at the venue of the Waves-2025 Conference that began at the World Jio Centre in Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) in suburban Bandra. Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Information & Broadcasting Minister

Ashwini Vaishnav, Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde, Ajit Pawar, etc., were present on this occasion. The Prime Minister also visited the state government's 'Magical Maharashtra' Pavilion at the Bharat Pavilion. While visiting various pavilions set up at this time, he learned about new technologies in entertainment and audio-visual media. After visiting the gaming arcade, Modi discussed

technologies in the gaming sector and various opportunities in this sector with the representatives of the companies present. In the India Pavilion, the states of Maharashtra, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, along with Netflix, Jio, YouTube, as well as various entertainment and news channels, and film production companies from this region have set up their pavilions.

## Yoga has become a valuable gift to the world thanks to efforts of PM Modi: Minister Jadhav

**Nashik, May 2 (UNI)** Yoga is a part of Indian tradition. Yoga has become a valuable gift to the world due to the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister of Ayush, Prataprao Jadhav said here today. He was speaking at a function organised by the Union Ministry of AYUSH to mark the 50-day countdown to International Yoga Day, at Gauri Patangan, Nashik this morning. Citizens from various countries around the world are participating in the programme organised on the occasion of International Yoga Day. Due to this, Yoga has become a healthy basis for citizens of the world, he said. On this occasion, MP Bhaskar Bhagre, MLA Seema Hire, Divisional Commissioner Dr. Praveen Gedam, Vice Chancellor of Maharashtra



University of Health Sciences Dr. Madhuri Kanitkar, Dr. Kashinath Samagandi of Morari Desai National Yoga Institute, Dr. Vishwas Mandlik of Yoga Vidya Gurukul and others were present. The Yoga Sangam Portal was inaugurated by dignitaries on this occasion.

## Vietnam welcomes Buddha's sacred relics, brought by Indian diplomatic delegation

**Ho Chi Minh City/New Delhi, May 2 (UNI)** Hundreds of people waving Buddhist flags knelt with reverence along the streets of Ho Chi Minh City as Vietnam today welcomed Shakyamuni Buddha's sacred relics – a national treasure of India, marking the first time the venerated artifacts have been brought to and enshrined in the country. The precious artifacts were brought on an Indian Air Force C-130J-30 jet, from New Delhi to Tan Son Nhat Airport at around 7.40 a.m., traversing 5,100 km. India's Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju accompanied the relics. The Indian Consul General in Ho Chi Minh City posted on X: "The sacred Buddha's relics from India have arrived #Vi?tNam, were brought to the Vietnam Buddhist Academy for a solemn ceremony, then carried through a solemn parade to Thanh Tam Pagoda, where the revered relics will be displayed for the public."

## India successfully foiling Pak's repeated attempts to hack websites of military & government organisations

**New Delhi, May 2 (UNI)** Amid the rise in bilateral tensions following the Pahalgam attack, Pakistan has been persistently trying to hack the websites of Indian military establishments, but these are being effectively thwarted by Indian cyber security agencies. Security sources said on Friday that Pakistan-sponsored hacker groups, 'Cyber Group HOAX1337' and 'National Cyber Crew', frustrated by the continuous steps taken by India, are continuously carrying out cyber attacks on Indian websites. These groups also made unsuccessful attempts to hack into some websites on Thursday. Cyber security agencies immediately detected these hacking attempts and

neutralised them. In the latest incident of provocation, the websites of Army Public School Nagrota and Sunjuwan were targeted and attempts were made to deface them with messages mocking the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack. In another incident, a website related to health services for ex-servicemen was defaced, indicating Pakistan's growing desperation. Sources said that hackers operating from Pakistan are repeatedly attempting to attack websites related to children, ex-servicemen and other innocent people. They said that attacking the platforms of ex-servicemen and families is yet another dastardly act by Pakistan and reflects its continuing

efforts to operate through unethical means. The hacking of the websites of the Army Institute of Hotel Management and Indian Air Force Veterans by Pakistan-sponsored hackers further highlights the intent of the Pakistani establishment to instigate and escalate tensions in the digital battlefield. Sources said these brazen cyberattacks are part of a larger pattern of provocation by Pakistan. Pakistan, in desperation, has been using terrorism and warfare against India for a long time. Sources said that it seems that by doing these acts, Pakistan is testing India's patience.

## ITBP scales Mt Makalu; makes historic attempt on Mt Annapurna

**New Delhi, May 2 (UNI)** In a remarkable achievement, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) successfully scaled the world's fifth highest peak - Mt Makalu in Nepal, marking a first-ever ascent by any Central Armed Police Force (CAPF). According to an ITBP statement, the force successfully scaled the 8,485 m Mt Makalu on April 19. The expedition to Mt Makalu and Mt Annapurna (8,091 m), flagged off from ITBP HQ, on 21 March was a historic twin summit attempt – the first of its kind in ITBP history. Both peaks were being attempted for the first time by the force, adding to the challenge and legacy of this mission. Led by Anoop Kumar Negi, DC/GD, with Nihans Suresh as Deputy Leader, the 12-member team was divided into two groups of six climbers each. The Makalu team achieved an 83 percent success rate, with five climbers reaching the summit on 29 April.



## AGITATING FOR A JUSTIFIED CAUSE, TAKING UP FARMERS' ISSUES...



Shiv Sena UBT faction activists and office bearers staged an agitation of various issues of farmers in Amravati. Anti regime sloganeering and other forms of peaceful protest marked the occasion.



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गुणाराम मेहर उपसरपंच - ग्रा.पं. पिपरिया



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ग्रामपंचायत च्या कर वेळे वर भरा, शौचालय चा वापर करा, परिसर स्वच्छ ठेवा, झाडा लावा झाडे जगवा, पाणी चा वापर जपून करा, जल हे तो कल हे



## Social media friend allegedly rapes woman in Nagpur Hotel after extorting Rs 1.4 lakh

**Nagpur 2 May:** Sakkardara Police registered a case against a 34-year-old man for allegedly raping a woman after extorting Rs 1.4 lakh from her and threatening to defame her. According to police, the accused Umesh Parihar, a resident of Narkhed in Nagpur district, came into contact with the 34-year-old complainant through social media. Gaining her trust, he claimed his mother was seriously ill and borrowed Rs 1.4 lakh from her through cash and online transfers.

Later, he allegedly called her to a location under Hudkeshwar police limits, forcibly made her sit in a car,



and drove her to a hotel in the Sakkardara area. There, under the threat of defamation, he allegedly established physical relations against her will. When the woman demanded repayment, the accused

reportedly refused and again threatened to malign her reputation.

Based on her complaint, Sakkardara Police have registered a case under Sections 64 and 351(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

## 3,458 Motorists fined on Maharashtra day in Nagpur; traffic police collect Rs 3.59 lakh in penalties

**Nagpur 2 May:** In a city-wide traffic enforcement drive on Maharashtra Day, the Nagpur Traffic Police penalised 3,458 motorists for various violations of the Motor Vehicles Act. A total of Rs 3.59 lakh was collected in fines during the crackdown. The action was part of a special initiative led by Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Archit Chandak, aimed at reinforcing road safety and ensuring compliance with traffic norms. The violations included driving without helmets, wrong-side driving, signal jumping, and failure to carry valid documents. The operation was carried out



across major traffic zones in the city, with officers instructed to take strict action against rule violators. Authorities have urged all road users to strictly follow traffic regulations and carry essential documents such as

driving license, vehicle registration, insurance, and PUC certificate at all times. Nagpur Traffic Police stated that similar drives will continue in the coming days to curb reckless driving and promote road discipline.

## RBI directs banks to ensure ATMs dispense Rs 100, Rs 200 notes regularly

**Nagpur 2 May:** In a move aimed at improving public access to smaller denomination currency, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday directed all banks and White Label ATM Operators (WLAOs) to ensure that their ATMs regularly dispense Rs 100 and Rs 200 denomination banknotes. The central bank issued the directive through a circular, emphasizing the need for a phased implementation. "As part of an endeavour towards enhancing public access to frequently used denominations of banknotes, it has been decided that all banks and White Label ATM Operators shall ensure that



their ATMs dispense Rs 100 and Rs 200 denomination banknotes on a regular basis," the RBI stated. According to the timeline set by the RBI, by September 30, 2025, at least 75% of all ATMs must be configured to dispense Rs 100 or Rs 200 notes from at least one cassette. This requirement will increase to 90% of ATMs by March 31, 2026.

## Nagpur's land grab: Metro mask hides a real estate agenda



**Nagpur 2 April:** In a quiet but stunning move, the state government has permanently transferred over 46,000 square meters of prime public land in Nagpur—originally meant for Metro infrastructure—to MahaMetro as freehold, not lease. The handover includes key city locations such as Sitabuldi, Ajni, Dhantoli, Sakkardara, Cotton Market, and Lendra, without any public consultation. Initially leased under Metro Phase 1 to improve urban mobility, the land is now being quietly commercialized, following a Government Resolution (GR) dated April 28, 2025. Though it claims the land must be used for "designated purposes," there is no enforcement mechanism—rendering the clause effectively meaningless. At the heart of this move lies a financial crisis. The state is struggling under World Bank debt from funding Nagpur and Pune's Metro projects. Instead of

protecting public assets, it is enabling MahaMetro to monetize civic land—turning it into malls, office towers, and private developments—to fill budgetary gaps. Even more troubling is the silence of the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) and Nagpur Improvement Trust (NIT), who have failed to oppose this permanent handover of land they were entrusted to protect. "This isn't just bad planning—it's a betrayal," said environmental activist Anusuya Kale Chabrani.

"Once public land becomes private property, it's lost forever. We're not just losing space—we're losing public control over our city's future." As Nagpur grows, so does the value of its land. The real question is: Who is this city being built for? Because when the land meant for the people becomes a commodity, it's not development—it's a sale of the city's soul.

## Nagpur sees 14 murders in April: Rising crime graph raises alarm in CM's hometown

13 Murder cases in 30 days spark outrage as cops intensify crackdown on rising violence

**Nagpur 2 May:** Nagpur witnessed a shocking surge in violent crimes in April, with 13 separate murder cases claiming 14 lives within just a month. The alarming rise in brutal killings—averaging nearly one every two days—has triggered public concern in the hometown of both Maharashtra's Chief Minister and a Union Minister.

**Youth Beaten to Death in Wadi Over Spilled Liquor:**

The latest incident occurred on April 30, under the jurisdiction of Wadi police station. Suraj Subhash Bhalavi (27), a resident of Sonba Nagar, was allegedly lynched by employees of a country liquor bar after a minor argument broke out over spilled alcohol. The accused—identified as Vishal Divekar, Rohit Varkhade, Sandeep Chavan, Sunil Gote, Prabhakar Chintamani, and others—brutally assaulted Bhalavi, leading to his death.

**Domestic Feuds and Sudden Rage Behind Most Killings:** Police reports suggest that a majority of April's murders were fuelled by domestic tensions or acts of impulsive violence. On April 14, in Hudkeshwar, a youth allegedly poisoned his friend out of jealousy. In a separate incident in the same area, an assistant professor from



Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) was murdered by her husband—also a professor at a Raipur-based college—with the help of his brother. Other similar crimes driven by instant rage were reported in areas under the jurisdiction of Yashodharanagar, Pachpaoli, and Jaripatka police stations.

**Old Rivalries, Revenge Motives Add to Death Toll:**

Long-standing enmities and gang rivalries also contributed to the bloodshed. The first murder of the month occurred on April 3 in Mankapur, where Sohail Khan was gunned down following a dispute over stall space in a weekly market. A double murder in Vasantrao Naik Slum on April 9 further rattled residents, as notorious criminals Sagar Masram and Laxman Gondy were killed in a suspected gang-related attack. Revenge killings also made headlines—on April 15, café owner Avinash Bhushari was shot dead in Dharampeth by members of the Bunty Hiranwar gang, allegedly to avenge the earlier murder of

Hiranwar's brother. Kapil Nagar recorded a contract killing in broad daylight, where property dealer Ankush Kadu was murdered, reportedly orchestrated by a woman linked to a land mafia group and her accomplices.

**Police Commissioner Acts Against Inefficiency:**

Taking note of the disturbing rise in murders, Commissioner of Police Dr Ravinder Kumar Singal launched a stringent internal review and disciplinary action. Three police sub-inspectors—including two women—from MIDC police station were suspended, while the Detection Branch (DB) squads at Ambazari and Kapil Nagar police stations were dissolved. Late-night patrols, combing operations, and aggressive follow-ups have been intensified, with CP Singal warning anti-social elements of strict consequences. "Most of the murders were the result of domestic disputes or sudden rage. All cases have been solved and the key accused have been taken into custody," stated CP Ravinder Kumar Singal.

## Lakadganj police arrest man carrying deadly weapon near Ganga-Jamuna in Nagpur

**Nagpur 2 May:** In a proactive move, Lakadganj Police arrested a 35-year-old man for unlawfully carrying a dangerous weapon near the Ganga-Jamuna Cement Road on Thursday, May 1 afternoon.

During a patrol at around 2:25 pm, police received information that a man was seen roaming the area with a weapon. Upon reaching the spot, officers saw a suspicious man fleeing the scene. He was chased down

and detained. The accused was identified as Ravindra Rambhau Yede, a resident of Nongga Lodhi, Post Ashta, Nagpur. A search in the presence of witnesses led to the discovery of a sharp iron knife (locally known as 'hatimar') concealed in his waistband, valued at approximately Rs 300. Police suspect that Yede was carrying the weapon with intent to commit a cognizable offense. He has been booked under Section 4/25 of the



Indian Arms Act and Section 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act for violating prohibitory orders. He remains in custody as further investigation continues.

## Bookings for Buddha Purnima wildlife census in TATR full

**Chandrapur 2 May:** At Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, internationally renowned for guaranteed sighting of tigers and other wild animals, bookings for a natural experience and wildlife census on Buddha Purnima in the buffer area on May 12 have been completed. Like every year, the forest department authorities conduct an animal census in the buffer area of Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve on the occasion of Buddha Purnima. For this initiative, 50 scaffolds have been prepared in 6 forest areas of Chandrapur, Mul, Mohorli, Khadsangi, Palasgaon and Shivani in the buffer area. For nature lovers, witnessing the wild animals and scenic beauty of TATR is must. This year too, the online booking for this initiative, which started on April 28, was filled in just 1.5 hours. As per this initiative, wildlife lovers will spend the night on 50 scaffolds set up in the dense forest of the buffer zone from the evening of May 12 to the morning of May 13. 100 citizens will participate in this initiative and 50 guides will also stay on the scaffolds during the initiative.

## Bal Sanskar Camp inaugurated at Yashodeep High School to nurture values & creativity

**Wardha 2 May POST/DC:** (Yashodeep High School): NAGPUR: Yashodeep High School launched its 14-day Bal Sanskar Camp today, a workshop designed to cultivate moral values and holistic development in children. The event was inaugurated by Imran Rahi, National Vice President of the All India Shastri Social Forum, who underscored the lifelong importance of sanskar (values) in shaping character. "Values imbued in childhood form the foundation of a person's life. While education and knowledge are

distinct, they complement each other. Extracurricular experiences through camps like these not only enhance personality but also prepare children for future challenges," Rahi stated during his keynote address. The ceremony was presided over by Atul Raikar, founder of Sanskar Multipurpose Educational Institution, who highlighted the camp's role in unlocking hidden potential. "Every child possesses unique talents that thrive in such environments. These workshops act as catalysts for self-discovery, which is why

they resonate deeply with parents," he remarked. The event saw Anagha Ruikar, Principal of Yashodeep High School, as the special guest, alongside coordinator Monali Bhole, supervisor Leela Wagh, and renowned stage director Kiran Pattewar. The camp aims to blend cultural activities, creative workshops, and ethical lessons, aligning with the school's mission to foster well-rounded growth beyond academics. School teacher Shweta Sabane skillfully hosted the inauguration,



while Dilip Khoday delivered the vote of thanks. The collective efforts of teaching and non-teaching staff ensured the program's seamless execution, reflecting the institution's

commitment to student development. Organizers expressed optimism that the 14-day camp will empower participants with confidence, creativity, and a stronger ethical compass.

## One bullock, 2 cows die due to electrocution at Arvi



**Sasti 2 May:** In Arvi, which is situated at a distance of 5 km from the taluka, a bullock belonging to Sanjay Malekar, a cow belonging to Akash Bhimrao Doge and Dearao Musale were roaming around freely in the morning when the live power supply line on the Rajura-Gadchandur road broke and fell on the animals. This incident came to light at 7:30 am on Thursday morning (May 1) and all three animals got electrocuted and died on the spot. As usual, Sanjay Malekar, Akash Bhimrao Doge and Dearao Musale of Arvi had left their animals free to eat fodder during the morning. All three animals were going to Gadchandur road some distance from the village while eating fodder. Suddenly, the live power line broke apart and fell down and all three animals got electrocuted and died as a

result. The incident has caused immense loss to the farmer. As soon as the local citizens got information about the incident, the owner of the animal and the Sarpanch of Arvi, Bhatta Mathankar, reached the spot and informed MSIEDCL authorities about the incident. The linemen reached the spot and conducted an assessment of the incident site. The farming season is going on in full swing, hence the death of the farmer's bullock has caused a big crisis for the farmer concerned. Sanjay Malekar's bullock worth Rs 60 thousand rupees has died, causing him immense financial loss, and Dearao Musale's cows too have died. The aggrieved farmers and local citizens have demanded compensation for the loss incurred.

## Motorcycle thief nabbed, 9 stolen vehicles worth Rs 4.90 lakh seized



**Chandrapur 2 May:** On Wednesday, April 30, LCB Jayabharat Dambhare (32), a resident of Korpana, from the Bengali Camp square locality of Chandrapur while he was looking for a customer for selling a stolen two-wheeler. 9 Motorcycles and a moped were seized from his possession during the investigation. Several cases of motorcycle theft have been registered against the suspect across various places in the district and a total of Rs. 4.90 lakh worth of vehicles were confiscated from his possession. The probe is being conducted by Superintendent of Police Mummaka Sudarshan, Additional Superintendent of Police Reena Janbandhu, Amol Kachore, PI, LCB, Chandrapur.

## Technical glitch disrupts orange line metro services near Rahate Colony, passengers stranded



**Nagpur 2 May:** A technical glitch on the Orange Line of Nagpur Metro caused major disruption in services on Friday May 2, morning, leaving several commuters stranded and delayed during peak hours. The incident occurred near Rahate Colony Metro Station when a wire reportedly burned, halting one of the metro rakes at Sitabuldi station for approximately 45 to 50 minutes. As a result, services between Khapri and Sitabuldi stations were significantly affected. Dozens of passengers were left

stranded on platforms and inside halted coaches as the technical team worked to resolve the issue. Many commuters experienced delays in reaching their destinations, leading to inconvenience during the crucial morning rush hour. In an official statement, Nagpur Metro authorities expressed regret over the disruption and apologised for the inconvenience caused to passengers. Efforts are underway to ensure such technical faults are addressed promptly in the future.

## Nagpur man held for illegally tying up cattle for slaughter in Panchpaoli, nine animals rescued



**Nagpur 2 May:** Panchpaoli Police have apprehended a man for allegedly keeping nine cattle tied up without food and water, in preparation for illegal slaughter in the Tikadi area of Nagpur. Acting on a tip-off received during a routine patrol between 4:20 am and 6:30 am on Wednesday, April 30, the police raided the residence of the accused, identified as Imran Qureshi Ibrahim Qureshi (32), a resident of Mutton Galli, Azad Nagar, Tekadi. The raid revealed that nine live bovines were cruelly tied inside a shed adjacent to his home without proper care, indicating they were intended for slaughter. The police seized the animals along with slaughter tools including iron rods and nylon ropes, collectively valued at around Rs 1.35 lakh.

The rescued cattle have been handed over to a nearby cowshed for care. Following a complaint by Police Constable Imran Shaikh, an FIR has been registered against Qureshi under Sections 5, 5(b), and 9 of the Maharashtra Animal Preservation Act, 1976 (Amendment Act, 1995) and Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. The accused has been taken into custody, and further investigation is ongoing. The operation was carried out under the guidance of Police Commissioner Ravinder Kumar Singal, Additional CP Nisar Tamboli, North Region Additional CP Pramod Shewale, DCP Mahank Swami, and ACP Shweta Khade, and was led by Senior PI Baburao Raut along with officers Rahmat Shaikh, Rajendra Jadhav, Dnyaneshwar Bhoje, Imran Shaikh, Romesh Menewar, Gagan Yadav, Santosh Shendre, and Rahul Chikhate.



## Buddhists demand absolute control over Mahabodhi temple in Bihar, stage nationwide protests

**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** In a sweeping movement that has resonated across the nation, thousands of Buddhists staged protests on Tuesday demanding exclusive control over the Mahabodhi Mahavihar in Bodhi Gaya, Bihar—one of the most sacred sites in Buddhism. The protests, marked by unity and resolve, took place in cities across Maharashtra, including Amravati, Nagpur, Pune, Thane, and Mumbai. The rally in Amravati witnessed the participation of Buddhist monks, religious followers, and political figures, including Congress MP Balwant Wankhede.



Demonstrators called for the repeal of the Bodhi Gaya Temple Act of 1949, which currently allows for a mixed religious composition in the temple's governing body, with a Hindu District Magistrate presiding over the management committee. Protesters argued that this structure infringes on the rights of the Buddhist community to manage their most sacred heritage site. "The Mahabodhi Temple is where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment. It is deeply sacred to us, and its control must rest with the Buddhist community," said a protest leader addressing the crowd in Amravati. Carrying placards and chanting slogans, demonstrators expressed frustration with what they



described as "outsiders" managing Buddhist places of worship. They demanded that all administrative and ritualistic control of the Mahavihar be handed over to Buddhists. At the center of the movement is a legal petition filed by former Maharashtra minister and Buddhist leader Sulekha Kumbhare in the Supreme Court. The petition argues that the current arrangement violates Articles 25 and 26 of the Indian Constitution, which safeguard the

freedom of religion and the right to manage religious affairs. Activists emphasized that other religious communities in India enjoy autonomy over their places of worship, and Buddhists should be granted the same constitutional right. "Every religion in India manages its own sacred sites. Why are Buddhists being denied this fundamental right?" argued a protestor. The Mahabodhi Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, attracts millions of pilgrims every year. This year, an estimated 1.2 million devotees are expected to visit the site on May 12 for Buddha Jayanti. The growing scale of the movement and the upcoming religious occasion have amplified the urgency of the Buddhist community's demands.

This is not the first attempt to revise the temple's management structure. In 2012, a similar petition was

## Third foundation day of Sahyog Cooperative Society celebrated



**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/TC):** The third anniversary of the Daryapur branch of Sahyog Multistate Credit Cooperative Society Ltd was celebrated with great enthusiasm on Monday. Bank Officers RM Manish Patil, Kamlesh Pande, Anudeep Dhurandar, Kaustubh Raut, Ajay Vaidya, Sonali Ghansande, Nandu Shelke, Shubham Mohod were present during the programme organised on the occasion. The programme began by worshipping and garlanding the portrait of the Constitution along with the adorable deity of Maharashtra, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. After that, the preamble of the Constitution was read out collectively. Branch Manager Ashwin Kalpande presented a review of the progress of the bank in the introductory speech. The 3-year journey of the organisation has been possible only because of

the love and trust of the customers. He requested the account holders, members, depositors, and volunteers present to continue to shower their love and support in this way. The dignitaries present on the occasion congratulated Manager Kalpande on the occasion of the third foundation day celebrations and extended best wishes to him. Outstanding volunteers were felicitated during the programme. Pawan Harne, Sham Thokal, Akshay Kathode, Rohini Deshmukh, Neha Navale, Tanvi Thakre, Ganesh Tarale, Nilesh Nage, Bhushan Sapkal, Divya Byas, Mahesh Nakat, Amita Lunghe, Vaibhav Dhage, Nitin Yewale, Tejas Pachkawale, Aniket Raut, Nikesh Akhre worked hard to make the programme successful. The programme's proceedings were carried out by Neha Nawale and Vaibhav Dhage proposed the vote of thanks.

## Bag containing valuables worth Rs 1.79 lakh stolen

### Chandur Bazar cops book unidentified suspect

**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A bag containing valuables worth Rs 1 lakh 79 thousand 100 was snatched from a finance company employee who was going on a two-wheeler after completing recovery duties on behalf of a savings group. This incident took place on April 29 in the vicinity of Kajli under the jurisdiction of Chandur Bazar police station. A case was registered against an unidentified suspect based on a complaint lodged in the aftermath of the incident. Saurabh Suresh Rao Hutke (28), a resident of Kokarda in Anjangaon Surji taluka, works for a finance company and a savings group.



On April 28, he was going on a two-wheeler via Shirajgaon Kasba, Brahmanwadi Thadi after performing recovery duties for the savings group. On the way, a thief came on a two-wheeler some distance from Kajli and forcibly snatched a black bag containing Rs 1,51,500 in cash, a tab and a biometric machine from him and fled. The total estimated value of the stolen goods is Rs 1,79,100. After the incident, Saurabh Hutke reached Chandur Bazar police station and filed a complaint. On the basis of the complaint, the police have registered a case against an unidentified thief and a thorough manhunt for the suspect is underway.

## Witchcraft allegations levelled against woman Warud cops book trio

**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A woman was defamed throughout the village and allegations of practicing witchcraft were levelled against her. She was also threatened with dire consequences and death. This shocking incident came to light on April 29 under the jurisdiction of Warud police station. In the aftermath of this incident, a case has been registered against Akash Pundalik Raut, Pundalik Raut and Kailas Pundalik Raut (resident of Ghorad, Warud) on the basis of a complaint lodged by the woman. The 54-year-old woman, a resident of Ghorad, had taken her to the temple for Aarti on April 12. At that time, all three suspects defamed her in the village by saying that she had gone to perform witchcraft in the morning, that she was a sorcerer. If anyone among the suspects' kin falls ill, the suspects threaten to kill her. Fed up, the woman finally reached Warud police station and filed a complaint as the defamation caused by the suspects was indeed unbearable. On the basis of the complaint, local police have registered a case and further investigation into the matter is being conducted by PI Arjun Thosare.



## Akola among the hottest places in region for 6 days during April

**Akola 2 May:** Above normal temperatures meant six weather stations — Nagpur, Chandrapur, Brahmapuri, Amravati, Wardha and Akola — were among the top 10 hottest places in the world on at least six occasions in April. Chandrapur district, known for tigers and thermal power plants, earned the dubious distinction of being the hottest place on Earth twice in April. On April 21, Chandrapur recorded the highest maximum temperature of 45.6 degrees Celsius, which was 3.6 notches above normal, topping the world heat graph for the day. On the same day, a private forecaster also placed Brahmapuri (45 degrees) and Amravati (44.6) at 3rd and 5th places, respectively, in the world. Two days later, on April 23, Chandrapur district again became the hottest place on Earth with the highest maximum temperature at 45.6 degrees Celsius in Brahmapuri. On April 24, Brahmapuri was the hottest in India and second in the world with a maximum temperature of 45.9 degrees Celsius.



## Guardian Minister Dattatray Bharne emphasises on quality works for district's development

### Rs 315 crore worth annual plan approved for FY 2025-26 during DPC meet

**Washim 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** In a bid to accelerate the holistic development of Washim district and ensure effective implementation of various schemes, Guardian Minister Dattatray Bharne chaired a key meeting of the District Planning Committee today at the District Planning Office. A total outlay of Rs 315 crore was approved for the financial year 2025-26. The meeting involved in-depth discussions on rural and urban development, water scarcity, agriculture, religious tourism enhancement, and water resource management. As part of the Water Management Fortnight, the Guardian Minister, along with dignitaries and department heads, took a collective pledge to conserve water and use it judiciously.



**Tributes paid to terror attack victims before official commencement of proceedings**  
The meeting commenced with a tribute to civilians martyred in a recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir. Following this, the discussion shifted to planning and development matters. Minister Bharne directed all departments to ensure quality work and

proper utilization of allocated funds. Emphasis was placed on equitable fund distribution across all talukas for balanced regional development. He also stressed third-party quality audits for government works.

### Focus on water scarcity and management

Addressing the serious issue of irrigation and drinking water shortages in Washim, the Guardian Minister urged for prudent use of water. He instructed the administration to prepare proposals for water management schemes with assistance from both state and central governments and assured follow-up at higher levels. During the review of the Jal Jeevan Mission and rural water supply programs, he emphasized proper planning of water sources, well acquisition, tanker

supply, and new pipeline connections to alleviate rural drinking water crises.

### Comprehensive plans for agriculture sector chalked out

While reviewing preparations for the 2025-26 Kharif season, the Minister lauded the Agriculture Department's readiness. He directed the submission of proposals to fill vacant posts in soil testing laboratories. He advocated for promoting organic farming, intercropping, and agro-processing industries to increase farmers' income. The department's integrated planning includes seed and fertilizer stock, credit supply, sustainable irrigation, weather-based crop planning, and market development—aimed at improving production efficiency and boosting farmer confidence.

**Renovation of religious & sacred sites**  
Minister Bharne instructed District Planning Officer Rajesh Sonkhaskar to prepare and submit proposals to upgrade six Class-B religious sites to Class-B. This initiative is expected to promote religious tourism and benefit the local economy.

### Collective commitment to progress reiterated

Reaffirming his commitment to inclusive development, the Guardian Minister pledged collaborative efforts for both rural and urban progress in Washim. He expressed confidence that joint efforts by the district administration and agriculture department would enhance farmers' income and accelerate regional growth.

As part of the Water Management Fortnight, the pledge taken by officials to conserve water marks a significant step toward sustainable water resource management. Under the leadership of Guardian Minister Dattatray Bharne and with the cooperation of the district administration, Washim is poised for a transformative journey.

## Minor boy kidnapped



**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A minor boy has been kidnapped. This incident came to light on April 29 under the jurisdiction of Anjangaon Surji police station. A 15-year-old boy was not seen by his father at home. His father searched for him everywhere. He approached his relatives and asked his whereabouts. However, he could not be traced. In such an adverse situation, suspecting that he had been lured and kidnapped by some unidentified person, the missing boy's father had filed a complaint in the aftermath of the incident at Anjangaon Surji police station. Efforts to track down the boy are underway.

## Young woman molested & threatened

**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A young woman was molested and threatened. This incident took place on the evening of April 29 under the jurisdiction of Tiwasa police station. Santosh Ramrao Shinde (42) was standing in front of the house of the victim, a 19-year-old girl. He looked at the girl and made an objectionable statement and made advances towards her. Hesitating, the young woman pushed him away. After that, she went inside her home. After some time, Santosh went in front of her house. He threatened her. In the aftermath of the incident, the victim has filed a complaint at Tiwasa police station.

## Serving disabled brethren is like rendering service to God: Sananda



**Khamgaon 2 May (NAGPUR POST/TC):** On May 1, 2025, various constructive and public welfare oriented programmes were organised to mark Maharashtra Day, International Labour day and the birthday of Loknete, former legislator Rana Dilipkumar Sananda. On the occasion of Rana Dilipkumar Sananda's birthday, Rana Foundation volunteers distributed three-wheeled bicycles to the disabled brethren at the General Hospital at 5 pm.

Tehseen Shah, Mukadder Khan, Sheikh Imran and other dignitaries.

The programme was attended by former Mayor Akkadevi Sananda, President of Khamgaon City Congress Committee Saraswati Khasane, President of Khamgaon Taluka Congress Committee Manoj Wankhade, President of Shegaon Taluka Congress Committee Vijay Katole, City President of Women's Congress Surjit Kaur Saluja, Women's wing Organiser Varshai Ingole, APMC chairman Subhash Pesode, Director Sanjay Jhunjhunwala, Youth Congress' Tushar Chandel, Vidarbha Amateur Kabaddi Association Secretary Ashokbapu Deshmukh, Bharatiya Bauddha Mahasabha City President Dadarao Helode, Ansar Bhai,

On the occasion, three-wheeled bicycles were given to the disabled brethren Ishwar Mari Suradkar Kokta, Baliram Kute Rekha Plot, Mustafa Barde and Vijay Bawane Bhoipura Shivaji Wes by former legislator Rana Dilipkumar Sananda. On the occasion, former legislator Rana Dilipkumar Sananda felicitated the disabled brethren with shawls and shiraf and gave them sweets. Speaking on the occasion, former legislator Rana Dilipkumar Sananda said that serving the disabled brethren is the true form of rendering service of God. He said that he is always by their side as far as solving the problems of the disabled brethren is concerned.

Understanding the pain of the disabled brethren and showing readiness to work for them, former legislator Rana Dilip Kuma Sananda gifted a three-wheeled bicycle to the disabled beneficiaries, which brought satisfaction to their faces. The disabled brethren in turn expressed gratitude to the former legislator for taking up the noble cause on the occasion of his birthday.

## Nanavati Max Super Speciality Hospital, Mumbai launches exclusive Hepatology and Gastroenterology OPD services at multiple locations in Amravati



Super Speciality Hospital, Nagar and Rims Hospital, Mumbai will be available at Bandera Road, on fourth Dr Anjali Kavimandan Sunday of every month, Memorial Hospital, Dastur from 10 AM to 4 PM.

**Amravati 2 May:** Nanavati Max Super Speciality Hospital, Mumbai, today announced the launch of their Hepatology and Gastroenterology OPD services, at multiple locations in Amravati. The aim of these OPD services is to provide expert consultation and advanced treatment for individuals suffering from liver diseases, ensuring timely diagnosis and specialized care closer to home.

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## Two goats stolen from Bahilolpur

**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Two goats have been stolen from the cowshed of a resident of Bahilolpur under the jurisdiction of Loni police station. This incident came to light on April 29. Amol Gautamrao Bhatkar (28), a resident of Bahilolpur, had tied his goats in front of the cowshed. Two of them, worth Rs 20 thousand were stolen by an unidentified thief. After realising that the theft had taken place, Amol Bhatkar had filed a complaint in this concern at Loni police station.



## Valuables worth Rs 2.52 lakh stolen from house

**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Valuables worth Rs 2.52 lakh were stolen from the house of a local resident. This incident came to light on April 29 in the jurisdiction of Shendurjanaghat police station. Vishwanath Harle (72), a resident of Malkhed, had gone out of the village for a programme. Meanwhile, an unidentified thief entered his house and stole goods & valuables worth Rs 2.52 lakh from the cupboard. After



realising that a theft had taken place, Vishwanath Harle filed a complaint in this concern at Shendurjanaghat police station. On the basis of the complainant's statement, a case has been registered against an unidentified burglar and further investigation in the case is underway.



BUSINESS

After Mother Dairy Amul Announces  
Rs 2 Per Litre Hike in Milk Prices



**Surat, 02 April:** Amul has announced a price hike of Rs 2 per litre across its milk range, effective Thursday, May 1, 2025. The increase will impact popular variants including Amul Standard, Buffalo Milk, Gold, Slim n Trim, Chai Mazza, Taaza, and Cow Milk, the dairy cooperative confirmed on Wednesday. The decision follows a similar move by Mother Dairy, which raised its milk prices by up to Rs 2 per litre on April 30, citing rising input costs due to soaring procurement expenses and summer heatwaves. Consumers to Pay More Across India

With the revised pricing, Amul milk products will now cost Rs 2 more per litre in retail markets across the country. Industry experts attribute the price revision to escalating production and procurement costs, which have put pressure on dairy operations nationwide.

**Mother Dairy's Recent Price Hike**

Earlier this week, Mother Dairy adjusted its pricing, pushing full cream milk to Rs 69 per litre in Delhi-NCR, and increasing rates for toned, double-toned, and cow milk variants.

**Amul's Expansion and Financial Outlook**

Despite the inflationary trend, Amul continues to post robust financial growth. Managing Director Jayen Mehta revealed that the cooperative's turnover for FY25 stands at Rs 66,000 crore, with projections to touch Rs 1 lakh crore by the end of FY26.

The company also anticipates strong double-digit growth in its ice cream segment and is actively expanding its global footprint, particularly in the protein-enriched product category.

ASUS and VIDYA join hands to skill 6000+ under  
privileged children and youth in digital literacy

**Mumbai 2 May:** ASUS, a Taiwanese technology brand, in collaboration with VIDYA has announced the commencement of its Digital Literacy Program for children and youth in the marginalized regions of Western India. Designed to focus on digital literacy and skilling initiatives, the program will equip over 6000 students from Grade 1 to 10 as well as youth with essential skills and digital expertise through interactive and project-based learning via an age-appropriate curriculum which is mapped to UN's Digital Literacy Framework. The first leg of the partnership will commence in Mumbai, followed by Goa and Gujarat. Since foraying into India, ASUS has committed to bringing innovative technology to the country. Furthering its commitment, the partnership with VIDYA marks a critical step from ASUS India towards bridging India's digital divide. The ASUS India and VIDYA partnership will directly benefit 5,480 children and 650 youth from low-income households—many of them first-generation learners—through the setup of digital labs in select schools. Using a weekly curriculum aligned with the UNESCO Digital Literacy Framework, students will be introduced to computer basics, digital storytelling, poster design, programming (Scratch, Python), and digital ethics, with a strong focus on creativity, collaboration, and self-directed learning. For the youth, the partnership will offer certified digital and IT-enabled training programs through a vast array of recognized partners including NIIT Foundation, NASSCOM Future Skills Prime, and Skill India Mission. These courses are complemented by career guidance, English communication, job-readiness modules, and ongoing alumni support to ease the transition from education to employment. The program not only builds digital and career skills but also offers practical pathways through internships, job readiness training, and placement support. Addressing the kick-off, Eric Ou, Country Head, ASUS India said, "At ASUS, our commitment to creating meaningful impact goes beyond delivering technology, it lies in ensuring that innovation reaches those who need it the most. With this program, we are taking a step towards bridging the digital divide by empowering students and youth from underserved communities with limited access to digital education with skills that are critical in today's world. By equipping digital labs and enabling VIDYA's proven curriculum through our devices, we aim to strengthen the Foundation of a future-ready generation." "Every child deserves the chance to dream, learn, and to thrive in a digital world. We are not just about digital literacy; it's about hope, opportunity, and empowerment. We are proud to stand with ASUS in shaping futures and nurturing the potential that lies within every student." Said, Rashmi Misra, Founder President, VIDYA India. ASUS is investing in digital access as well as unlocking life-changing opportunities for students and youth in need, laying down pathways for higher education, job readiness, and dignity in tomorrow's workforce. The program underscores ASUS India's growing commitment to social equity and sustainable impact in the communities.

Urban Company limited files DRHP with  
SEBI to raise up to Rs 1900 crore through IPO

**Mumbai 2 May:** Urban Company, which operates a technology-driven, full-stack online services marketplace for quality driven services and solutions across various home and beauty categories, has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"). The Company plans to raise funds through offer of equity shares (face value Rs 1 each) through initial public offerings aggregating up to Rs 19000 million (Rs 1900 Crore).

The offer comprises of fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to Rs 4290 million (Rs 429 crore) (The "Fresh Issue") and offer for sale by Selling Shareholders aggregating up to Rs 14710 million (Rs 1471 Crore) (The "Offer for Sale").

Promoters of the company are Abhiraj Singh Bhal (Chairperson, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer), Raghav Chandra (Executive Director and Chief Technology and Product Officer) and Varun Khaitan (Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer). Investors include:

Accel India IV (Mauritius) Limited, Elevation Capital V Limited (formerly known as SAIF Partners India V Limited), VYC11 Limited, Bessemer India Capital Holdings II Ltd., Naspers Ventures B.V., Internet Fund V Pte. Ltd., Think Investments PCC, Arohi Seed SPC-Arohi Seed SP-1, Wellington Hadley Harbor AIV Master Investors (Cayman) III, Ltd, ABG Capital and DFJ International Partners among others.

EDITORIAL

Print Day

Whether a person is a professional printmaker with a studio and a business, a novice who is just learning, or somewhere in between Print Day in May invites anyone to be part of this day. In kitchens and garages, on sidewalks and beaches, wherever a person makes their prints, and whatever format they use, they are encouraged to do so on this day!

**How to Celebrate Print Day in May**

Get connected with Print Day in May and start by celebrating with some of these ideas:

**Engage with Print making**

Prints most basic form, a print is made by making a design on a sturdy surface, rolling ink over it, and printing it onto a piece of fabric, paper, or some other medium. Some children may be engaged in a rudimentary type of this art by using a potato!

Modern printmakers often use linoleum along with a printing block. Basic supplies needed for these are ink, linoleum, cutter, brayer (ink roller), and an inking tray. For complete novices, printmaking kits can be purchased, or it might be fun to sign up to take a class to get started.

**Join the Print Day in May Community**

Get more connected with what other printmakers around the world are doing by registering to join the online community for Print Day in May. Registering allows participants to receive email newsletters, participate in the day by adding printmaking photos to the website, as well as becoming eligible to win prizes from the arious sponsors of the day. Also check out the Facebook Group to join in on the conversation with others who have similar printmaking interests. The art of printmaking can be traced back many centuries to the Han Dynasty in China, somewhere around 200 BC to 200 AD. Originally, woodblocks were used to print on silk and the printing on paper followed sometime in the seventh century.

Since that time, printmaking has grown in size and scope, although some people are concerned that the modern use of technology has shown a decrease in the interest of this type of craft. The hope for Print Day in May is to unite printmakers and encourage a revival of this type of work.

The first Print Day in May took place in 2007 and, ever since that time, founders Robynn Smith and the Printmakers have devoted time on the first Saturday of May to printmaking. This event started locally in the Monterey Bay area of California as a grass-roots celebration, but it has grown over the more than 15 years since it was established. Today, this event has spanned the globe and is now considered to be a worldwide event with participants from more than 80 countries joining in!

At the end of the day, folks who have participated in Print Day in May are invited to share their work on social media as well as on the day's website to show off a little, raise awareness and encourage each other through a community chain that spreads around the world.

International Astronomy Day

The mysteries of outer space and astronomy have fascinated the world for as long as we have recorded history. It is almost impossible to look up at the night sky on a clear evening and not be caught up in the sense of wonder and amazement at how big the universe truly is compared to us.

There are many ways to celebrate Astronomy Day, and something for every family and individual. The important part is to set aside everyday life and spend some time gazing into the heavens and wondering about the mysteries we don't yet understand.

There are many activities to do with children of all ages, as well as activities to do alone if you have a telescope. Some can be done at home, but it can also be fun to visit a museum or planetarium to get an even fuller experience. No matter where you are in your learning journey, find something to do to celebrate the celestial bodies above us.

**Star Navigation**

Captains of ships and other explorers have been using the stars to find their way for a long time. Modern astronomers still use the same techniques that these ancient navigators used to survive. Researching these ancient sailors and learning about how to navigate using the stars is an excellent way to spend Astronomy Day. Visiting a planetarium to learn even more about the constellations would add even more benefit.

**Birthday Moons**

There are many different ways to learn



about the phases of the moon, but did you know that you can look up what the moon phase was on past days as well? Having children look up the moon on the day they were born is a fun way to learn about the moon cycle and how it is always changing. Comparing it to the moon this year on their birthday is a great way to prepare the past with the present.

**Sun Clocks**

Not all learning about space has to happen at night, the sun is an important part of our solar system, so including learning about it is also important. Before watches were invented, sun clocks were used to estimate the time of day. You can create a replica sun clock using a paper plate and a pencil.

Decorate the plate to look like a clock and push the pencil through a hole in the middle. If you place the plate in the sunlight with the twelve facing north, the shadow will represent the hour hand of the clock.

Picking out the popular constellations like the Big Dipper, Orion, and Taurus and what time of year they can be seen in the sky can be a lot of fun. Each constellation has a story behind it, so learning the

possibility of learning about ancient history alongside modern-day science. It can be fun to see how the myth behind the name fits in with the characteristics of the planet.

The possibilities for enjoying International Astronomy Day are endless. There are even many ways to tie learning about space into other areas of interest. Since we are always learning about space, there is a continual influx of new information and discoveries to feed our imaginations!

**Why Celebrate International Astronomy Day?**

International Astronomy Day is a way for astronomy enthusiasts and professionals to share their knowledge and love of outer space with the general public. It is also a way for everyone interested in space to explore their passion and increase their knowledge.

For those especially enthusiastic about space, it is important to know that this day is celebrated twice a year! There is one in the spring and another in the fall to celebrate the changing constellations and various things to observe at different times of the year in space.

The day was started in 1973 by Doug Berger, the then president of the Astronomical Association of Northern California. Originally, it was celebrated by setting up telescopes in urban locations in order to make space more accessible to everyone.

Berger wanted to increase interest in the field of astronomy and give the general public access to more ways to learn about it.

ENTERTAINMENT

Spreading smiles on and off screen: Sony SAB  
celebrates World Laughter Day

**Mumbai 2 May:** Known for its light-hearted and family-friendly programming, Sony SAB has long been a source of comfort and cheer for audiences across India. From slice-of-life stories to shows with endless laughter, the actors behind the channel's popular shows reflect on what it means to bring laughter into the homes and hearts of their audiences on the occasion of World Laughter Day celebrated on 4th May.

Krishna Bharadwaj, who portrays the titular role in Tenali Rama said, "Tenali Rama, the character I essay has always been about wit along with light-hearted moments — a reminder that intellect and humour go hand in hand. It's amazing how a well-timed line or a clever scene can make someone's day. Humour has that rare power to connect across ages and I am thrilled that I am part of a show that not only entertains but also gives the viewer their daily dose of fun."

Wagle Ki Duniya actor Pariva Pranati elaborated, "Our show reflects the joys and struggles of everyday life; the humour comes from how relatable it is. Viewers often tell me they see themselves in our characters — and that our light-hearted take on daily chaos helps them laugh through their own."

Actor Karuna Pandey of Pushpa Impossible said, "Pushpa's spirit is unbreakable — and so is her



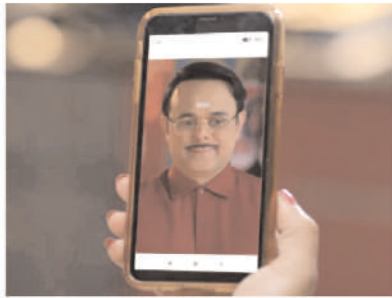
sense of humour. Her journey proves that you don't have to be perfect to smile, and you don't need ideal circumstances to spread joy. It's a privilege to play a character who finds laughter even in the tough spots."

Last but not the least, Actor Aarav Choudhary of Veer Hanuman said, "Veer Hanuman is a mythological show that is rooted in strength, goodness, and hope — qualities that uplift people. When children come up to me calling me 'Kesari' with a smile, that's when I realise the emotional power of the characters we portray. Laughter may not always be loud — sometimes it's quiet reassurance." This World Laughter Day, the channel honours the power of a good laugh and also continues to champion stories that uplift and connect, celebrating characters who bring warmth, humour, and hope to everyday life.

Watch all these shows and more, every Monday to Saturday — only on Sony SAB.

Rajesh Wagle takes on a new identity in Sony SAB's  
'Wagle Ki Duniya' as Venkat Swami Raju!

**Mumbai 2 May:** Sony SAB's 'Wagle Ki Duniya' - Naye Pechhi Naye Kissey' continues to win hearts with its relatable middle-class struggles and heartwarming family moments. In recent episodes, Kiara (Anju Jadhav) experiments with an AI app to create her "dream man" — only to be shocked when the app generates the face of Rajesh Wagle (Sumeet Raghavan). Though she quietly saves the image, Rajesh accidentally stumbles upon it, sparking his confusion and panic. Things take a comical turn when Kiara unexpectedly spots Rajesh at a café during work hours, prompting him to lie about the man she saw being his lookalike, a Tamilian named Venkat Swami Raju. In upcoming episodes, as the situation spirals as Dakku (Deepak Pareek) helps Rajesh transform into the fictional 'Venkat', complete with mannerisms and a convincing disguise.



But trouble deepens when Kiara confides in Vandana (Pariva Pranati), revealing that she once saw Rajesh as her ideal match, but now believes Venkat is her true soulmate. Unaware of the truth, she even plans to propose to him.

Things get further complicated when Vandana expresses her desire to meet this mysterious lookalike and invites him home to meet the Wagle family. How will Rajesh handle this

tangled mess? Can he be both Rajesh and Raju at once — especially when both are expected to appear at the same time? The upcoming episodes promise a fun, quirky ride filled with mistaken identities, chaos, and classic Wagle-style humour.

Sumeet Raghavan, who essays the role of Rajesh Wagle, said, "Honestly, the Venkat Swami Raju track has been such a riot! Imagine Rajesh who is always so proper now pretending to be a Tamilian person. Not many know this, but I'm Tamilian in real life, so slipping into Venkat Swami Raju's skin felt easy, nostalgic and entertaining. Rajesh trying to hold this lie together while everything spirals, is classic Wagle chaos, and I think families are really going to enjoy watching it play out." Tune in to watch Wagle Ki Duniya - Naye Pechhi Naye Kissey on Sony SAB from Monday to Saturday at 9:30 PM.

Shani Dev Enters Lord Hanuman's Life — What Lies Ahead in Sony SAB's 'Veer Hanuman'?



**Mumbai 2 May:** Sony SAB's Veer Hanuman continues to enthral audiences with its dynamic and heartfelt story of young Maruti's extraordinary transformation—from a curious child to the mighty divine warrior, Hanuman. Featuring Aan Tiwari as the young Maruti, Arav Chowdhary as Kesari, Sayli Salunkhe as Anjali, and Mahir Pandhi in a dual portrayal of Bali and Sugreev, Veer Hanuman is a captivating watch for all. In the recent episodes, Maruti vows to Patal Kali (Aishwarya Bhakuni) that he will prevent the sunrise, while Raja Kesari prays to Lord Shiva for Mata Anjana's protection. Using

righteous path. As Hanuman prepares to pass through five spiritual stages, Shani Dev's shadow falls over Kishkindha, bringing unexpected trials. With Bali planning to outshine Lord Hanuman and power shifts brewing in the kingdom, the path ahead is filled with challenges that will test Lord Hanuman's faith, strength, and destiny. Will Lord Hanuman rise above the shadows and fulfill his divine destiny? Tune in to witness a celestial saga unfold! Tarun Khanna, who plays the role of Lord Mahadev in Veer Hanuman, said, "Life, at its core, is a journey of challenges, struggles, and moments of doubt. I've faced

many such moments myself — times when obstacles felt overwhelming. And in many ways, I believe this mirrors the journey of Lord Hanuman. Just like every person must endure their own hardships to achieve something meaningful in life, Lord Hanuman too must walk a path of discipline, sacrifice, and tests to truly discover his divine purpose. Mahadev sees the bigger picture, and that's why he sends Shani Dev — not to hinder Lord Hanuman, but to test and strengthen his devotion. It's a reminder that the road to greatness is never easy, but it is always worth it." Tune in to Veer Hanuman, Monday to Saturday at 7:30 PM, only on Sony SAB.

Will Jugal marry Kadambari to save Bapodara chawl from demolition in Sony SAB's 'Pushpa Impossible'?

**Mumbai 2 May:** Sony SAB's Pushpa Impossible continues to strike a chord with audiences, weaving a heartfelt and inspiring narrative centered around the unwavering spirit of Pushpa (Karuna Pandey). The show beautifully captures her journey as she confronts life's challenges with incredible strength, resilience, and grace. In the recent episodes, Arjun (Tanmay Nagar) stealthily enters his father's office and stumbles upon a crucial file that unveils a game-changing truth — the so-called

masala factory is, in fact, a full-fledged manufacturing unit. This crucial evidence could turn the tide of the court case in their favor and potentially save the chawl from demolition. Just as hope begins to flicker, Kadambari (Brinda Trivedi) makes a dramatic comeback with a devious twist. She cunningly swaps the file and drops a jaw-dropping ultimatum threatening to upend everything. In the upcoming episodes, Kadambari drops a shocking ultimatum to Jugal (Anshul Trivedi) to marry her, and in return

she will save the chawl from demolition. With the future of countless families hanging in the balance, Jugal is caught in a dilemma, but Pushpa is not one to stand by quietly. As Kadambari dares her to stop the wedding, Pushpa finds herself compelled to protect her friend from making a life-altering sacrifice. Meanwhile, Sambhu Shekhawat (Sukesh Anand) seethes with rage as his meticulously crafted plan to transform the chawl into a spice factory faces unexpected

roadblocks. **Will Pushpa be able to stop Kadambari and Jugal's marriage and save the chawl?**

Karuna Pandey, who plays the role of Pushpa in the show, says, "I've seen in my mother while growing up. I remember how she would go to lengths to protect her loved ones with sheer willpower and determination. That moment shaped me, and it's that very spirit I try to bring to Pushpa's character — the unwavering resolve to fight for what's right, no matter

how impossible it may seem. Pushpa is torn between saving the chawl and protecting her best friend. The thought of Jugal sacrificing his entire life for the chawl breaks her from within. She's fighting a battle where no choice feels right. But Pushpa won't give up — not on the chawl, and not on her friend. She'll do whatever it takes to protect both."

Tune in to watch Pushpa Impossible from Monday to Saturday at 9 PM only on Sony SAB.



## Duo meet watery grave in canal, one escapes

**Salekasa 2 May** (NAGPUR POST/TC): In Gore village of Salekasa tehsil, at 11 am, three youths went to take bath in the canal of Gore village while coming from Pujari Tola Dam. These 3 youths did not know how to swim in water at all. The water was flowing at a high speed from the canal. Prashant Narendra Patel and Pratik Daulat Bisen who went to take bath, got swept away in the rapidly flowing water. NDR divers are searching for them. The third youth Sumit Ramendra Bisen, a resident of Gore, caught hold of a tree trunk on the bank of the canal while floating in the water, so he was able to survive. The trio are all 21 years of age. Till the time of writing of the news report, the divers have not yet found the bodies of the deceased youths in the water.



Prashant Patel



Pratik Bisen

A pall of gloom has descended in Gore due to the untimely death of two youngsters.

## Roof blown off during thunderstorm at Batana



**Gondia 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** The storm that hit on Tuesday (April 29) completely blew off the roof of the house of Sunil Waghade in Batana, causing thousands of rupees worth of damage.

A massive storm began at around 4 pm on Tuesday evening (April 29). The entire roof of the house of Sunil Waghade in Batana was blown off. Fortunately, no one was injured, but the owner

suffered thousands of rupees in damage. Currently, his family is living in the open as there is no other shelter for him to live in.

Even though more than two days have passed since the incident, concern is being expressed that the local Talathi has not given a visit to the disaster-stricken family. The villagers have demanded immediate assistance from the government to the concerned family.

## Man dies near crematorium in MIDC, suspected heatstroke cause



**Nagpur 2 May:** A 34-year-old man was found unconscious near the Wanadongri crematorium under MIDC Police limits and later declared dead at AIIMS Hospital, on Friday, May 2. Authorities suspect heatstroke may have contributed to the sudden death. The deceased, identified as Nitesh Narendra Bhole, a resident of Ward No. 7, Sangam Khairi, Hingna, was discovered early Friday

morning in an unconscious state. His family rushed him to AIIMS Hospital, where doctors pronounced him dead upon arrival. Given the rising temperatures in the region, police have not ruled out heatstroke as a possible cause of death. However, an official post-mortem report is awaited. An accidental death report has been registered at MIDC Police Station based on a complaint by his brother, Umesh Narendra Bhole.

## Eleven Star Super Div champion



**Nagpur 2 May:** Masiullah put Eleven Star ahead in the 7th minute of play but Young Haider drew parity in the 62nd minute through Mukhtar Ansari to take the match to shoot-out. Masiullah, Mohammad Rizwan, Mohammad Alfaiz and Mohammad Kawish scored for Eleven Star while for Young Haider Mohammad Shahbaz, Shahbuddin Ansari and Mohammad Salik could find the back of the net. The winners took home a glittering trophy and a cash prize of Rs 21,000.

The runners-up Young Haider had to be content with

Rs 15,000 and a trophy. Masiullah won the man of the match award while Naquir Rehman of Young Haider was declared as best player from runners-up team. Eleven Star's Mohammad Rizwan was declared best midfielder. Hareesh Vora, President NDFA, Kamil Ansari, Vice-President, Iqbal Kashmiri Secretary, Stanley Gregory, Khalid Ansari, Hemant Sahani, Mehfooz Akhtar, Shahid and others were present during the prize distribution function. Mohd Mubin, Deputy Secretary, NDFA conducted the programme.

## Vidarbha U-14 boys in final



**Nagpur 2 May:** Chasing Vidarbha's 327, MP boys battled long and hard but Vidarbha bowlers kept chipping away and bowled them out for 287 in 96.1 overs. The two-day match ended in a tame draw with Vidarbha taking home 3 points for taking first innings lead, while MP got 1 point.

Both Vidarbha and MP finished with 10 points each at the conclusion of the league phase but Vidarbha qualified for the final on better head-to-head count. Defending champions Vidarbha will face table topper UP (20 points) in a 3-day final from May 3-5. Earlier, Prince Kumar single-handedly defied Vidarbha's attack with a splendid inning. He came into bat at 46/3 and remained unbeaten, facing 221 deliveries, hitting 26 boundaries and two sixes. He lacked support at the other end. Vidarbha bowlers — Sparsh Dhanvair (3/31), Raunak Hedau (2/30), Manav Wakode (2/51) and Hiren Trivedi (2/45) — shared the wickets. Prince was declared the Player of the match.

**BRIEF SCORES**  
Vidarbha U14 boys 1st innings: 327 all out in 74.3 overs (Arjun Mahajan 84, Malhar Dhurad 57, Manav Wakode 40, Samarth Nathani 38, Atharva Patel 45 not out; Prince Kumar 4/69)  
MP U14 boys 1st innings: 287 all out in 96.3 overs (Veer Pandey 36, Prince Kumar 154 not out; Sparsh Dhanvair 3/31, Raunak Hedau 2/30, Manav Wakode 2/51, Hiren Trivedi 2/45)  
**Result:** Match Drawn; Vidarbha won on 1st innings lead

## Quartet nabbed, later granted bail in Lanjewar assault case

**Kuhi 2 May (NAGPUR POST/TC):** The accused in the fatal attack on Shiv Sena Umred legislative assembly organiser (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray faction) and civil engineer. Government contractor Khushal Lanjewar have been traced and the main accused is absconding, said Investigating Officer Swapnil Gopale. When will the police personnel zero in on the main accused, who is absconding even after 16 days of the incident? Lanjewar asked this question in a press conference. According to the information given in a press conference organised by the complainant Khushal Lanjewar, on April 16, while he was returning home from the market at around 9 pm, some unidentified youths tied a handkerchief to his face in front of the old Panchayat Samiti and stopped a Scorpio vehicle without a number plate and abused and beat him severely. In this, his hand

was fractured and he suffered severe injuries on his back, stomach, thigh and knee. He managed to escape somehow and reached home. The accused had also left towards Nagpur. The incident took place just 100 meters away from Kuhi police station. After some time, they went to the nearby Kuhi police station and filed a complaint against unidentified suspects. The police, using high end equipment, checked the CCTV cameras in the town and conducted further investigation. In this concern, Sonu Ghanshyam Thakkar (21) Bhojapur was taken into custody. While the other accused 1) Sameer Jitendra Wat (30) Nandanvan resident 2) Prajwal alias Ballu Nandkishor Baleshwar (23) Dighori resident 3) Prem Singh Jitendrasingh Bais (22) Dighori resident, thus a total of 4 accused were taken into custody. When questioned, they said that the attack was carried out on the

instructions of Saurabh Dandare. The police have also registered a case against Saurabh Dandare. However, it has come to light that he is still absconding. The police personnel produced the 4 accused in custody in the civil and criminal courts in Kuhi. Then the court approved bail for the 4 accused. The main accused Saurabh Dandare is still absconding and Khushal Lanjewar has demanded his arrest. On the day of the attack, Khushal Lanjewar had mentioned in his complaint that the attack was carried out by none other than Saurabh Dandare. Lanjewar had complained to the Revenue Department about Dandare's illegal soil/murum excavation. After the investigation, the Revenue Department took punitive action against Dandare. Later, during the police investigation, it was found that the assault was carried out on the instructions of Saurabh Dandare.

## Create Khamgaon district & fulfill promise of farmer loan waiver: Former legislator Rana Dilipkumar Sananda



**Khamgaon 2 May (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Since Buldhana district is a very large district geographically, for the convenience of the taluka residents who stay below the Ghats, it is a heartfelt demand of the people for many years that Buldhana district should be divided and a separate Khamgaon district should be created along with Lakhnawada taluka. Many protests have been held till date for this demand, but Khamgaon district has not been created till date. Also, due to multiple crises, the food supply across the state is in trouble. During the campaign period of the legislative assembly elections, many leaders of the Mahayuti coalition had assured that complete loan waiver would be given to the farmers after the Mahayuti government came to power. It was hoped that the farmers would be given loan waiver after the Mahayuti government came to power. However, even after 100 days of the Mahayuti government coming to power, no announcement has been made regarding the farmer loan waiver scheme. Former legislator Rana Dilipkumar Sananda has demanded from the Mahayuti government that the government should declare Khamgaon district along with giving complete loan waiver to the farmers as promised in the elections. In order to draw the government's attention to the main demands of becoming Khamgaon district and getting complete loan waiver to the farmers, an all-party dharna was organised on Thursday, May 1, 2025, Maharashtra Day and International Labour Day, under the leadership of former legislator Rana Dilipkumar Sananda at Tower square in front of the office of the Sub-Divisional Officer. Speaking on the occasion, he made the above statement. This sit-in protest demonstration was led by Maharashtra Pradesh Mahila Congress Committee State General Secretary Dr.

Tabassum Hussain, former Mayor of Malkapur, Rajashid Khan Jamadar, Khamgaon Taluka Congress Committee President Manoj Wankhade, Khamgaon City Congress Committee President Smt. Saraswatitai Khasane, Shageen Taluka Congress Committee President Vijay Katole, Khamgaon APMC's former chief administrator Panjabrao Deshmukh, former ZP Chairman Sureshbhai Wanare, former ZP Member Shrikrishna Dhote, former Chief Administrator of Market Committee Dr. Sadanand Dhanokar, Market Committee Chairman Subhash Pesode, Director Sanjay Jhunjhunwala, Director Vilassingh Ingle, Director Mangesh Ingle, Director Ganesh Tathe, Director Sachin Wankhade, Director of Purchase and Sale Association Pandurang Rakhonde, former PS Vice Chairman Chaitanya Patil, Former PS member Manish Deshmukh, Vidarbha Amateur Kabaddi Association Secretary Ashok Bappu Deshmukh, Youth Congress President Rohit Rajput, Tushar Chandel, Minority Congress City President Bablu Pathan, former corporator Kishore Appa Bhosale and many dignitaries, leaders, office bearers of various journalist associations, office bearers of charitable organisations were present. Speaking further, former legislator Rana Dilipkumar Sananda said that the all-party dharna agitation is being held to draw the attention of the Mahayuti government to the two demands of Khamgaon district and complete loan waiver for farmers.

loan waiver to the farmers as promised in the elections, he said. First of all, at 11 am, a march was taken out from the main yard of the Khamgaon Agricultural Produce Market Committee under the leadership of former legislator Rana Dilipkumar Sananda along with farmer brothers and citizens. The citizens who participated in this march held umbrellas with slogans like Khamgaon district must be formed and farmers must get complete loan waiver, attracting the attention of the citizens. The march proceeded from the Tilak Statue in front of Bharat Cut Piece Stores, near the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Statue, and from the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi Garden to Tower square. During the march, garlands were offered to the statues of Lokmanya Tilak, Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, and Maharana Pratap Singh. After that, the march reached in front of the Sub-Divisional Officer's Office and the sit-in movement began.

On May 1, when it was the peak of the wedding season and the temperature was 44 degrees Celsius, even in the scorching heat, hundreds of farmers and Khamgaon district-loving citizens spontaneously participated in this march and sit-in movement, which received an enthusiastic response from everyone. In this sit-in protest, the office bearers and members of many charitable organizations including Lions Club Khamgaon and various journalist organizations actively participated in the sit-in protest and gave their open support to the protest. The citizens who participated in the sit-in protest shouted slogans like Khamgaon district must be formed, farmers must get complete loan waiver, Leke Rahenge, Leke Rahenge Khamgaon Jila Leke Rahenge.

During the sit-in protest, former legislator Rana Dilip Kumar Sananda signed with

his own blood the demand that a separate Lakhnawada taluka should be created along with Khamgaon district and that the Mahayuti government should provide relief to the farmers by providing complete loan waiver as promised in the assembly elections. Several protesters also signed the memorandum and supported the above demand. Regarding these demands, a memorandum was sent to all senior officials and people's representatives including Chief Minister Devendraji Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Minister Eknathji Shinde, Deputy Chief Minister Ajitdada Pawar, Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule and Guardian Minister of Buldhana district Makarand Patil through Sub-Divisional Officer Khamgaon. During this protest, the cowardly terrorist attack in Pahalgaon, Jammu and Kashmir was strongly condemned and collective condolences were expressed to the innocent people who died in the attack. The programme was conducted by Panjabrao Dada Deshmukh, former Chief Administrator of Khamgaon Agricultural Produce Market Committee, and the vote of thanks was expressed by Taluka President Manoj Wankhade. Several citizens including Sanjaybhai Sharma, Sunil Thakur Keshav Kaple, Munna Bondre, Saurabh Bhojale, Dr. Rajiv Gawande, Brahmanand Paraskar, Vaibhav Wankhade, Haji Sheikh Usman, Santosh Mahato, Aslam Patel, Tehseen Shah, Mukaddhar Khan, Pritam Malvande, Phulsingh Chavan, Pramilita Chopde, Mrs. Sulochana Kalingkar, Subhash Chavan, former Pandit Sanjay Tayde, Santosh Atole, Pratap Kadam, Sattu Sharma, along with office bearers and members of CM Health Club, Rana Foundation, Shri Shivaji Vyayam Mandir, Rana Vyayam Mandir participated in this protest demonstration

## Nagpur emerging as a safe haven for Pakistani nationals? Alarming claims of 22,000–25,000 living illegally in the city



RTI activist Ejaz Khan raises serious security concerns

**Nagpur 2 May:** Amid growing national outrage following the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgaon, Jammu & Kashmir, a shocking revelation from Nagpur has sparked alarm across the country. According to data obtained through the Right to Information (RTI) Act, RTI activist Ejaz Khan has claimed that between 22,000 and 25,000 Pakistani nationals are illegally residing in Nagpur, far exceeding official records. While the Ministry of Home Affairs reports around 5,023 Pakistani nationals living across Maharashtra on valid visas—2,458 of them in Nagpur—Khan alleges this figure reflects only the documented individuals.

The actual number, he claims, is several times higher, raising red flags for internal security.

### Arrivals Since 1995, Many Overstaying

Based on information Khan accessed, 9,705 Pakistani citizens entered Nagpur between 1995 and 2012, with 2,546 overstaying beyond their visa periods. Shockingly, 533 of them were even granted Indian citizenship, and an additional 2,013 never returned to Pakistan post-2013.

### Missing Records from 1980 to 1994

Khan also pointed out that there are no official records of Pakistani nationals who arrived

in Nagpur between 1980 and 1994, indicating serious lapses in police documentation and oversight.

### Evidence of Permanent Settlement

According to Khan, many of these individuals have purchased land, built houses, and opened bank accounts. Some even possess Aadhaar cards, PAN cards, and other identity documents—raising serious questions about verification processes and systemic loopholes.

### A Threat to National Security?

"This level of undocumented foreign presence in a sensitive city like Nagpur poses a grave internal security threat," warned Khan. He has called for an urgent high-level probe by both central and state governments and strict legal action against those found guilty.

### Public Concern Mounts

The revelations have led to growing anxiety among Nagpur's citizens, who are urging the government to intensify verification of all foreign nationals in the city and ensure security agencies remain alert. Locals have stressed that this issue is not just about Nagpur—it raises serious national security concerns that demand immediate attention.

## Input Tax Credit under GST is a powerful tool for effective financial planning

**Nagpur 2 May:** Vidarbha Industries Association (VIA) and InFED-IIM Nagpur jointly organised a high-impact capacity-building workshop under the prestigious Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Project on 23rd April 2025 at VIA Auditorium, Nagpur. CA Pranav Joshi, Mentor at InFED – IIM Nagpur focused on enhancing financial acumen among MSMEs by clarifying key concepts in financial management. He covered an overview of financial statements, emphasizing that the financial statements should be seen as

a tool for decision making and not mere compliance. The balance sheet was explored with a detailed discussion on sources and applications of funds, highlighting the importance of matching capital sources to their appropriate uses—especially avoiding short-term funds for long-term applications. Working capital management was a core focus, with practical illustrations showcasing scenarios like reduced revenues, stuck receivables, and personal withdrawals that can adversely impact liquidity. Strategies such as

periodic review of working capital limits and assessing if limits are getting "blocked" were recommended. Pranav Joshi emphasized that the entire eco-system in which MSMEs operate – banking, tax authorities, GST authorities – depends upon the entity's financial statements for their assessment, but promoters rely on back-of-the-envelope calculations. CA Sachin Jajodia, Partner of Agrawal Jajodia & Associates said that MSMEs should recognize that Input Tax Credit (ITC) under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime is

a powerful tool for effective financial planning. He said by strategically managing and claiming ITC on their eligible purchases, companies are significantly enhancing their cash flow, reducing working capital, and boosting overall tax liability, and boosting profitability. He emphasized that a thorough understanding of ITC provisions, including eligibility criteria, documentation requirements, and timely compliance, is crucial for maximizing these financial benefits. Proper record-keeping,

reconciliation of purchase data with GST portals, and ensuring timely payments to suppliers are key strategies being adopted by MSMEs in the region. Furthermore, MSMEs are advised by CA Jajodia to stay informed about the list of blocked credits and adhere to the stipulated time limits for claiming ITC to avoid potential penalties. MSMEs should use technology and GST-compliant accounting practices are also proving beneficial in streamlining the ITC process and contributing to better financial health. He said that by integrating ITC management into their

broader financial planning, MSMEs are not only optimizing their tax obligations but also fostering sustainable growth and improved operational efficiency in business. Earlier, CA Naresh Jakhotia, Vice President of VIA welcomed the guest speakers with floral bouquet and mementos and also introduced the speakers. Further in his welcome address said this exclusive session, under the RAMP Project aimed to equip Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) with essential financial literacy, strategic insights, and



awareness of government schemes to drive sustainable growth and strengthen financial management and tax practices. Amogh Tijare, Business Development – INFED IIM Nagpur made an

opening remark and also proposed a vote of thanks. The workshop was attended by members of the association, MSME units and entrepreneurs in large numbers.



## AMC official Ishwaranand Panpaliya felicitated on retirement

**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A felicitation ceremony was organised on Tuesday on the occasion of the retirement of Amravati Municipal Corporation city engineer Ishwaranand Panpaliya. The felicitation ceremony was held in the conference hall adjacent to the Municipal Commissioner's office.

On the occasion, Commissioner Sachin Kalantre felicitated Panpaliya with a shawl, a garland, a bouquet and gifts. On the occasion, AMC commissioner Sachin Kalantre praised the official. In the current situation, his work was indeed commendable. He extended best wishes to him for future endeavours. All the officials in the Municipal Corporation have a good opinion about him. It is also sad that a good officer is retiring today. AMC commissioner informed the officials present on the occasion that everyone



should work with affection. This day comes in everyone's life. At such times, everyone should give due respect to the retired officials.

On the occasion, all the officials including AMC commissioner Sachin Kalantre and city engineer Ishwaranand Panpaliya expressed their views.

The officials and employees also felicitated him and extended best

wishes to him for future endeavours. Additional Commissioner Mahesh Deshmukh, Additional Commissioner Shilpa Naik, Deputy Commissioner Yogesh Pithe, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Meghna Wasankar, Deputy Commissioner Narendra Wankhade, Chief Auditor Shyamsundar Dev, Assistant Commissioner Bhushan Pusatkar, Nandkishor Tikhile, Dipika Gaikwad,

Subhash Janore, Medical Health Officer Dr. Vishal Kale, System Manager Amit Dengre, Medical Officer (Sanitation) Dr. Ajay Jadhav, Executive Engineer Ravindra Pawar, Park Superintendent Shrikant Giri, Assistant Election Officer Akshay Nilange, former corporator Ashish Atkare, Deputy Engineer, Engineer and other AMC officials and employees were present on the occasion.

## Tehsildar takes stock of Bhuleshwari river rejuvenation works

**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Tehsildar Gadkar visited the Bhuleshwari River rejuvenation work being carried out under the Jalyukt Shivar 2.0 scheme of the Maharashtra Government under the MoU between the Water Conservation Department, Government of Maharashtra and the Art of Living Parivar.

In the last one and a half months from March 11, 2025, in five villages of Valmikpur, Kasampur, Kumbhi, Wagholi, Gondwagholi, Pachamba in Bhuleshwari river area, which is facing a dire water situation due to extreme water scarcity, water level down to 800 feet, orange groves being cut down due to lack of water, a total of 6 kilometers of river revitalisation work was carried out on two rivers, the Bhuleshwari River

originating from the Gondwagholi Lake and the Gangadhari originating from the Khatijapur Lake, under the guidance of Art of Living District Coordinator Ashok Tikhile and Water Conservation Engineer Rohit Sawwalakhe.

In 2022-2023, District Collector Saurabh Katiyar had taken cognisance of the river rejuvenation work carried out in Shindi Bu with public participation and appealed for water conservation work to be carried out in the area.

On the same line, now the government's Jalyukt Shivar 2.0 scheme has been implemented from top to bottom as per the successful model of Art of Living, as well as the policy of creating a natural channel in the riverbed. The aim is to slow down the speed of the water by

creating a natural channel in the riverbed as the water is flowing very fast from the Gondwagholi region.

The entire work carried out was supervised by Art of Living Taluka Coordinator Mangesh Sangole, Tushar Kavithkar, Bharat Lahane and Sameer Haware, Sarpanch of Valmikpur Eknath Pagrut, Sarpanch of Jabalapur Raibole. During the visit, Tehsildar Gadkar took detailed information about the works carried out and expressed satisfaction over the progress of same.

Farmers from the area, Mangesh Gilda, Manish Haware, Ramesh Savale, Sudhir Rase, Ashish Vadnerkar, Uday Wath, Arun Pathare, Atul Wath, Patwari Avachar, Wardhe and others were present at the inspection site.

### Middle aged man assaulted at Digargavhan

**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A middle aged man was beaten up at Digargavhan under the jurisdiction of Mahuli Jahagir police station. This incident took place on the evening of April 29. Gopal Ghogre (52), a resident of Digargavhan, came home after getting milk. At that time, Rahul Ghogre (37), a resident of the same village, was standing in front of his house and started abusing him. Due to this, Gopal Ghogre pushed him away. On this, Rahul turned him back with a sharp object and injured him severely in the process. Gopal Ghogre filed a complaint in the aftermath of the incident at Mahuli Jahagir police station.

### Two houses burgled at Chor Mahuli

**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Two houses in Chor Mahuli under Loni police station's jurisdiction were burgled and thieves decamped with valuables worth Rs 17,600. This incident came to light on April 29. Shobha Kokate (69), a resident of Chor Mahuli, had gone out of town. Meanwhile unidentified thieves broke into her house and stole Rs 15,500 in cash. The thief also stole Rs 2,100 in cash and important documents from the house of her neighbour. After realising that the theft had taken place, Shobha Kokate filed a complaint at Loni police station.

### Youth kills father over family dispute

**Khamgaon 2 May:** In a shocking incident, a youth killed his father with a wooden stick following a family dispute at Lonigurv village in Khamgaon tehsil of Buldhana district. The incident came to light on Wednesday. The deceased has been identified as Gorakh Dhondopant Hiwrale (age 55). A murder case has been registered against his son Dhananjay alias Shankar Hiwrale (age 25) at the Khamgaon Rural Police Station. Around 9pm on Tuesday, Gorakh returned home under the influence of alcohol. A quarrel broke out between him, his wife, and son. The argument escalated, and in a fit of rage, Dhananjay brutally assaulted his father on the head, legs, and body with a wooden stick in which Gorakh sustained severe injuries. The incident came to light the next morning when it was discovered that he had died during the night. Deceased's elder brother, Arun (aged 60), a resident of Bothakaji, at the Khamgaon Rural Police Station.

### Two-wheeler stolen from Hirulpurna

**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A two-wheeler was stolen from a spot in front of the house of a citizen, a resident of Hirulpurna under the jurisdiction of Chandurbazar police station. This incident came to light on April 29. Umesh Gangadharrao Thakre (48), a resident of Hirulpurna, had parked his two-wheeler in front of his house. An unidentified thief stole the two-wheeler at night. After realising that the theft had taken place, Umesh Thakre filed a complaint at Chandurbazar police station.



## Special trains' duration & frequency enhanced, passengers relieved during summer season

**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** The Central Railway administration has given a big relief to the passengers during the rush season of summer vacation. The duration of the services of special trains from Badnera Junction to Nashik Road and Khandwa Junction to Sanavd has been increased. There is a huge rush of passengers along this railway route. However, the passengers will be inconvenienced due to the increase in the duration of special trains.

Since schools are on vacation during summer, the number of passengers going to the village is indeed large. Along with this, there is also a wedding season underway during these holidays. Due to this, there is a huge rush in the

trains. The reservation of the train is also full several months in advance. During this rush hour, the passengers are inconvenienced. Keeping in mind the additional rush of passengers, the duration of the special trains has been increased. Train No. 01211 Badnera Junction to Nashik Road Unreserved Daily Special was supposed to run till April 30. This special train's plying has now been extended from May 1 to June 30. There will be 61 instances of plying of this special train. Train No. 01212 Nashik Road to Badnera Junction Unreserved Daily Special was earlier supposed to run till April 30. This special train will now run from May 1 to June 30. This train will also have 61 instances of plying. Train No. 01091 Khandwa Junction to Sanavd Unreserved



Special was supposed to run till April 29. That train has now been extended from May 2 to June 30. This train will have 44 instances of plying.

Train No. 01092 Sanavd to Khandwa Junction Unreserved was supposed to run till April 29, that train has now been

extended from May 2 to June 24. This train will also have 44 services. There has been no change in the timings and halts of these trains whose running period has been extended. Tickets for unreserved coaches with normal fare can be booked through the UTS app. The

Central Railway administration has appealed to visit the official website of the railway for the detailed timings of the stops of this special train. The increase in the duration of these special trains will control the rush of passengers and will also facilitate the passengers.

### Bhagwan Parshuram Janmotsav circumambulation from Madhyameshwar Sansthan concludes with religious fervour



**Washim 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Like every year, this year too, the city circumambulation ritual was started by worshipping and performing aarti of the portrait of Lord Parshuram at Madhyameshwar Sansthan. Everyone was mesmerised by seeing the form of Lord Parshuram of the child Yajnesha Ganesh Khandalkar. Bhagwan Parshuram Janmotsav was celebrated amidst drumbeats. Sharbet was distributed at Agrasen square, Dade square, Ganesh Peth, at Shri Gajanan Maharaj Charitable Trust by Sandeep Panchbhai, Shekhar Joshi, Shripad Kukadi, Pradeep Takalkar. At Tilak square, Netaji Subhash Chandra square, Netaji Vesh, the portrait of Lord Parshuram was worshipped by Shri Gajanan Jadhav, Yogesh Rangbhal Chetan Rangbhal, and Ashish Nene, Nilesh Rath, Girish Sharma, Ashutosh Nirki. The President of the Parshuram Janmotsav Samiti, Pranav Lakras was felicitated. On the occasion, cold kulfi was arranged for the devotees of Lord Parshuram. The circumambulation ritual was concluded at Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj square via Balu square after offering garlands to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and at Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj square via Subhash square at Ramesh Talkies Madhameshwar Sansthan. On the occasion, tributes were paid to the innocents who were martyred during Pahalgam attack in Jammu and Kashmir. A large number of youth, womenfolk and men from the society were present in the Parikrama ritual organised by Lord Parshuram Janmotsav committee. The programme was organised by Parshuram Yuva Bahubhashiya Samajik Sanghatana, Parshuram Dal, Brahmin Sabha. The advisors of the Janmotsav Samiti included Sakham Joshi, Manish Dange, Ganesh Khadalkar, Sham Sagwai, Bhushan Deshpande, Ravi Guru Koranane, Sakham.

Joshi, Sanjay Dhawale, Mohan Rajurkar, Uday Koranne, Mahesh Pathak Priyansh Lakras, Chinmay Lakras, Vaibhav Swastikar, Atharva Shastri Chandrashekhar Lakras Sanjay Karajkar. On the occasion, the Bhagwan Parshuram Janmotsav Committee President Pranav Lakras Vice President Warad Katekar Vice President Abhiram Karanjkar Working President Atharva Shastri Organiser Shreyas Pathak Secretary Priyansh Lakras Joint Secretary Park Dhawale Treasurer Ajay Joshi Co-Treasurer Kedar Joshi Member Shrihari Asigkar Member Santosh Joshi Member Aniruddha Bhagwatkar Member Tejas Ansingkar Bhargav Dange, Shaurya Deshpande, Rudra Deshpande, and others.

## Several criminals being made to face the music before CP

### Notorious goons' records being assessed

**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** On the instructions of Police Commissioner Naveen Chandra Reddy, criminals are being produced before him by a special team. On Tuesday, dozens of criminals were produced before the Police Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police and strict action was taken against them. The special team is checking the records of the criminals and making a list of these goons. After taking the records of the goons, they are being produced before the Police Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police. Therefore, in the

coming days, a proposal will be made to take action like ex-terminum, invoking MPDA Act and MCOC Act against these notorious criminals. On April 22, as per the instructions of the CP, the special team had started updating the list of criminals. Accordingly, police officials and employees conducted a search operation for the top 20 criminals and prepared the list. Now the cells of these criminals are being tracked. LCB teams are going to various areas and examining the criminals. They are being searched and taken into custody. Due to this, many criminals have even left the city.

### Man ends life after wife leaves for parental home

**Akola 2 May:** A man, reportedly under mental stress after his wife left for her parental home, ended his life by hanging himself at his residence in Bihad Matha, under Mahan Gram Panchayat, on the night of April 29. The incident came to light on the morning of April 30. The deceased has been identified as Kishor Kishan Sasane (age 39), who is survived by two sons and a daughter. According to available information, Kishor and his wife frequently had disputes, and she had been staying at her maternal home for the past six to seven days. Barshitakli Police registered a case in this regard.

## Farmers should be careful about bogus seeds, fertilisers and medicines

### Legislator Pravin Tayade asserts during review meet

**Chandur 2 May (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Bogus seeds, fertilisers and medicines are sold to farmers in Chandur Bazar and Achalpur taluka. I have received many complaints from such farmers. Accordingly, bogus seeds, fertilisers and medicines will not be sold to farmers in the coming Kharif season. The Agriculture Department should take care of this menace. Also, the Agricultural implements sales directors should cooperate in this concern.



The Agriculture Department should not just appoint vigilance committees and sit quietly. If necessary, it should conduct its own inspection and check the quality of agricultural implements so that farmers are not cheated. Attention should be paid to this issue. This presentation was made by legislator Pravin Tayade in the Chandur Bazar Taluka Kharif Agricultural review meet. At this time, he was speaking as the chairperson of the meeting. Tehsildar Ramdas Shelke, District Agriculture Superintendent Rahul Satpute, Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer Ujwal Agarkar, Group Development Officer Narayan Amjare, PS Agriculture Extension Officer Gaendra Deshmukh were present at this meet. In the presidential guidance, the legislator further said that the Agriculture Department should give 100 percent benefit of their schemes to the farmers. Also, the full payment of the scheme should be disbursed to the farmers. Because I got only half the benefit of one scheme of the Agriculture Department. I have not yet received the benefit of the remaining micro irrigation scheme in that scheme. Therefore, looking at the experience of the

Agriculture Department, this will not happen to the farmers. Pays special attention to this issue. Also, how will this year's Kharif and Rabi seasons be beneficial to the farmers, this aspect should be assessed. For this purpose, one should go to the farmers' houses and plan the Kharif season in detail. These suggestions were made to the Taluka Agriculture Department. In this review meet, Agriculture Assistant Satish Nimkar was honoured by the legislator for his excellent work in orchard cultivation and Madhav Deshmukh for his excellent work in forest plantation dams. The introductory speech of this review meet was made by Agriculture Officer Faiguni Nanir. At this time, he gave detailed information about the kharif planning for 25-26 and various schemes of the Agriculture Department through a digital board. The review meet's proceedings were conducted by Jayashri Chavan, while the vote of thanks was given by Sunil Telkhede.

A large number of farmers, all officers, employees and BJP workers of the Agriculture Department were present in this meeting. This review meet was held in the hall of the Tehsil Office.

## Farmers' loan waiver, other demands put forth during tractor march of Shiv Sena (UBT) activists

**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Activists and office bearers of Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray faction) took out a tractor march in Amravati on Friday to demand the loan waiver of farmers.

The march, which started from Sant Gadge Baba Samadhi in Gadgenagar, reached the District Collectorate via Panchavati square and Girls High School square. During the march, the portrait of Agriculture Minister Manikrao

Kokate was garlanded with slippers and his effigy was hit with slippers. Innumerable Shiv Sainiks and farmers participated in the march with tractors. Strong slogans were raised against the state government on the occasion. The march was led by Shiv Sena leader MP Arvind Sawant. Along with him, legislator Gajanan Lawete, Deputy Leader Sudhir Suryavanshi, District Chief Parag Gudadhe, former MP Anant Gudde, Pravin Haramkar, Nitin Hatwar and other

office bearers and activists participated in large numbers on the occasion. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had promised to waive off farmers' loans before the elections, but the promise has not been fulfilled yet.

The demand for loan waiver and an appropriate price for agricultural products was made during the march. MP Arvind Sawant warned of further agitation if loan waiver issue was not resolved immediately.

## Will Pravin Pote be BJP city president again?

### Possibility of top brass reaching conclusion soon as civic body polls loom large

**Amravati 2 May (NAGPUR POST/DC):** After the election of various Bharatiya Janata Party mandal presidents in Amravati city, everyone's attention is now on the election of BJP district president and city president. Many were upset when the new selection committee that came to the city imposed new terms and conditions. However, since BJP activists largely preferred the name of Pravin Pote, it is clear that these terms and conditions of the selection committee will be relaxed in the case of Pravin Pote. No one other than the ruling party top brass will be able to say for sure when the local governing body elections will be held. Due to the urgency of BJP's mandal-wise party building priority, it is expected that the trumpet of local governing body polls will be sounded sooner than later. The goal of every political party is to capture power at the municipal corporation and the ZP level as far as local governing bodies are concerned, but in order to achieve this goal, the party leadership needs to be robust and inclusive. Currently, former minister Pravin Pote seems to be coming of age in this regard. Despite his bitter enmity with the Rana couple, the performance he rendered in the Lok Sabha polls solely on the orders of the party top brass was indeed



commendable. As the local office of the BJP was getting smaller, he opened his personal office for party activists which remains operational for 24 hours a day. He also endured the financial stress that came with the increase in the number of people in the office. He kept every office bearer, including the grassroots level workers, united. He maintained friendship with the allies, made special efforts to pave the way for their victory, and inducted good activists from other parties as BJP members and office bearers. There is now a feeling among the activists that if a leader does more than what is required for the party, the party should not reject such leadership. Therefore, there is an appeal from the BJP rank and file to relax some of the terms and conditions for the post of city president and make Pravin Bha'u the city president. So the possibility of Pravin Pote becoming the city president again cannot be ruled out.



## Man nabbed with MD drug during late night operation in Tehsil area

**Nagpur 2 May:** In a late-night anti-narcotics operation, Tehsil Police apprehended a 34-year-old man in possession of mephedrone (MD) powder worth approximately Rs 72,600 near Timki, Bhankheda in Nagpur. The accused, identified as Shakeel Ahmed Abdul Khalid, a resident of Takiya Diwanshah near Lal School, was caught during a patrolling round around 2:15 AM on May 1. Acting on a specific tip-off, a police team reached the vicinity of Gupta Atta Chakki, where Shakeel was seen standing next to a Suzuki Burgman scooter. On noticing the police, he attempted to flee but was quickly detained. A personal search of the accused led to the recovery of 7.26 grams of MD powder concealed in a zip-lock packet in the right pocket of his trousers. Apart from the drugs, officials also seized his mobile phone and the numberless Burgman two-wheeler. The total value of the seized materials is



estimated at Rs 1.52 lakh. Shakeel Ahmed was allegedly in possession of the drugs with the intention to sell them for personal financial gain. He has been booked under Sections 8(c) and 21(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. The case is being probed further by Tehsil Police. The operation was conducted

under the supervision of Police Commissioner Ravinder Kumar Singal, Additional CP (Crime) Sanjay Patil, DCP (Zone 3) Mahek Swami, and ACP (Kotwali Division) Anita More. The patrolling and arrest team included PI Shubhangi Deshmukh, PSI Rasul Shaikh, and police staff Rajesh Thakur, Ramkailas Yadav, Yunus Khan, and Firoz Khan.

## Elderly man dies after falling from terrace while checking water tank sensor in Pratapnagar



**Nagpur 2 May:** A 65-year-old man lost his life after falling from the terrace of his apartment while inspecting a water tank sensor in Pratapnagar, Nagpur, on April 30, Tuesday evening. According to police, the deceased, identified as Satish Ramchandra Deshmukh, a resident of Vikta Apartment, F-1, Sujata Layout, Dindayal Nagar, was climbing an iron ladder on the fourth-floor terrace around 5 PM when he lost his

balance and fell from a height of approximately seven feet. He sustained serious injuries in the fall. Deshmukh was immediately taken to Government Medical College and Hospital (Medical), where doctors declared him brought dead. Based on a complaint lodged by his brother, Pravin Ramchandra Deshmukh (58), a resident of Swavalambi Nagar, an accidental death report (ADR) has been registered at Pratapnagar Police Station.

## CISCE declares Class X & XII results: Nagpur students shine, girls dominate top ranks

**Nagpur 2 May:** The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) declared the Class 10 (ICSE) and Class 12 (ISC) results on Wednesday at 11 AM, bringing cheer to students and schools across Nagpur and Vidarbha. Despite the limited number of ICSE schools in the city, all institutions reported a 100% pass rate. In Class 10, Mahvish Amjad Khan of Marie Poussepin's Academy, Kamptee Road, emerged as the city topper with 97.2%, also securing the second rank in Vidarbha. The top spot in Vidarbha was claimed by Urvi Kapil Khokale from Amravati, with an impressive 98.17%. Marie Poussepin's Academy also produced other high scorers, including Kaniska Uke with 96.6%. At Chandadevi Saraf School, 24 students scored above 90%. Among them, Samika Shelgaonkar achieved 97%, while Vaidik Jha and Guruprasad Damodare each scored 96.6%. Arushi Shinde and Prisha Sakarkpure



followed closely with 95.2% and 95%, respectively. MSB Education Institute also reported excellent results, with Sheherbano Hussain scoring 97%, followed by Asgar Maimoon (96.2%) and Tahir Hussain Lahiri (95.8%). In Class 12 results, girls continued to dominate, with Khadija Hussain from MSB Institute likely being the Science stream city topper with 93%. In the Arts stream, Fatima Dhankot, also from MSB,

matched that score with 93%. In Commerce, Idris Zariwala secured 87%, while Mohammad Nagpurwala scored 85%. Due to soaring summer temperatures, most students opted to stay home, but teachers remained on duty to manage result queries and offer support. Overall, the results reflected high academic standards, especially among girl students, reaffirming their academic lead in both ICSE and ISC boards this year.

## LPG commercial cylinder cheaper by Rs 14.50



**Nagpur 2 May:** The prices of commercial LPG cylinders have been reduced by Rs 14.50 from May 1. The Indian Oil Companies announced a reduction in prices for the 19 Kg commercial gas

cylinders. There is no change in the prices for the 14.2 kg gas cylinders for domestic use. The prices of commercial gas cylinders were reduced by Rs 55.50 during the last two months.

## Unidentified elderly man dies in suspected sunstroke case near Itwari Railway station

**Nagpur 2 May:** An unidentified elderly man, estimated to be around 70 years old, was found unconscious near Itwari Railway Station on the night of April 30, Tuesday, and was later declared dead at Mayo Hospital. With Nagpur's temperature exceeding 42 degrees Celsius, police suspect that sunstroke may have been the cause of death. The man was discovered lying in an unconscious state around 10:15 PM near Bharti Akhada, behind the railway quarters within Shantinagar Police Station limits. Upon being informed, police rushed the individual to Mayo Hospital, where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival. Given the



prevailing intense heatwave across Nagpur, authorities are considering sunstroke as a likely reason behind the death, particularly since vulnerable sections like the

elderly are at higher risk. An accidental death report has been registered at Shantinagar Police Station based on the preliminary medical findings.

## Summer camp extravaganza at CPS, AB

**Nagpur 2 May:** Centre Point School, Amravati Road Bypass, Nagpur, successfully concluded its Summer Camp for students of classes 3rd to 7th. The camp, spanning from 15th April to 6th May, 2024, offered a diverse range of activities meticulously planned for enriching parents and fun experiences. Participants had the chance to dive into swimming, showcase their skills in basketball and lawn tennis, or hit the fields for football and cricket. For those interested in wheels and balance,



skating and gymnastics sessions were a hit. The indoor activities were no less exciting, with sessions in Western music, tech crafting—which included design and coding—and various arts and crafts projects that sparked creativity. Later in the morning, students explored their artistic sides further through drawing, dance, and

Indian music sessions. An integral part of the camp was the nutritious brunch provided by the school cafeteria to energize the participants. This initiative not only provided a platform for students to develop their skills and interests but also encouraged social interaction and teamwork, making this summer a memorable one.

## Nagpur skippers shine with 18 gold medals at DSO divisional championship

**Nagpur 2 May:** Nagpur Rope Skipping Association has brought immense pride to the city by clinching a total of 18 Gold Medals at the recently concluded DSO Divisional Rope Skipping Championship held in Chandrapur on 28th April, 2025. Nagpur Skippers showcased remarkable talent and dedication, securing 10 Gold Medals in the Master Event, and 8 Gold Medals in the Team Event. This outstanding performance is a testament to their relentless practice and team spirit. Nagpur Rope Skipping Association is the official body for Rope Skipping in Nagpur. It is supported by Saving Dreamz Foundation and Nagpur Book



Club, whose consistent encouragement has played a pivotal role in nurturing these young athletes. National level coach Ashish Deshpande, Rohit Tokhi and Bhushan Maidule, have been working hard to guide, train and motivate the players, and have been instrumental in this success. The Skippers from Nagpur who won medals at

Chandrapur are Sharwari, Anshika, Prinshika, Anvi, Aaysha, Soumya, Nirman, Samrat, Manthan, Aditya, Tejas and Mayank. Their triumph at the Divisional level marks another milestone in Nagpur's growing prominence in the field of Rope Skipping. The team is training hard for the upcoming DSO State level Competitions.

## Arohi shines in state level Maha swimming championship

**Nagpur 2 May:** Arohi Sonkusare hogged the limelight by winning Bronze Medal at the State Level Maha Swimming championship – 2025 held at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi, Pune on 26th April 2025. Under the aegis of Maharashtra State Amateur Aquatic Association, Arohi Sonkusare Bagged Bronze Medal in 50mt. Bi fins swimming event with the timing of 0.41 sec. In Age Group Girls 9 to 10 years. Arohi is the regular member of Aqua Sports Club and training under the able guidance of Dr. Pravin Lamkhade and ASCA Level-5 Coach Shri Vishal Chandurkar (Florida, USA). Aqua Sports Club President Shri Mohan Nahatkar,



Secretary Shri Mangesh Gadre, Director Midland Sports Shri Prashant Ugemuge, Vice-President Operations Midland Sports Mrs Preeti Lanjekar, Manager Operations Midland Sports Shri Ashwin Janbandhu, parents of Aqua Sports Club swimmers and sports lovers from all the corners of the city congratulate Arohi for her outstanding performance and wish her good luck for the future endeavours.

## Nagpur attracts Rs 1,800 crore investment in hotel industry, thousands of jobs to be created

**Nagpur 2 May:** Nagpur is set for a major transformation in its hospitality sector, with an investment of Rs 1,800 crore flowing into the hotel industry over the next three years. Several prominent hotel brands are preparing to establish operations in the city, boosting both the local economy and the tourism sector.

**Major Projects on the Horizon**  
Taj Hotel in Sitabuldi: A 300-room luxury Taj Hotel is planned near the metro interchange at Sitabuldi (Bardi), developed by the Kukreja Group on land leased from the metro authority. The project involves an investment of Rs 400 crore.  
Civic Lines Developments:  
Fair Value Hospitality is investing Rs 75 crore to build a 150-room hotel in Civil Lines.  
The Renu Group is also constructing a 150-room hotel, "Balveer Inn," in the same area.  
A second project by Fair Value Hospitality is planned for Koradi Road.  
Other Notable Hotel Projects:  
Taj Gate Hotel –



Proposed in Jayaprakash Nagar (investment amount not yet disclosed).  
Hyatt Hotel – Rs 300 crore investment proposed along Chandrapur Road.  
Hilton Hotel – Rs 175 crore investment near Nagpur Airport.  
Ashoka Hotel – Rs 200 crore project in the Aath Rasta area.  
Apulanza and Tuli Hotels – Rs 75 crore each, located in MIHAN (Multimodal International Hub Airport at Nagpur).  
Express Hotel – Expected investment of Rs 125 crore on Wardha Road.  
Fair Value's second project – Rs 130 crore at Zingabai Takli.  
Balveer Inn – Rs 80 crore

investment in Civil Lines.  
Industrial Growth and Economic Impact  
In addition to hotel development, Nagpur is reportedly witnessing industrial investment worth over Rs 2 lakh crore. The hotel sector is expected to play a key role in the city's overall economic and tourism growth.  
**Job creation on a large scale**  
These hospitality projects are expected to create thousands of direct and indirect job opportunities for locals, providing a significant economic boost and establishing Nagpur as a rising hub for business and tourism in central India.

## Top 8 water parks in Nagpur to dive into this summer

**Nagpur 2 May:** As temperatures soar in the heart of India, Nagpur emerges as a hotspot for summer recreation. Whether you're craving an adrenaline rush on towering slides or simply seeking a leisurely day in the water, the city's growing list of water parks offers a perfect escape. Here's a detailed look at Nagpur's top 8 water parks to visit in summer 2025—complete with timings, entry fees, and key highlights.

package with high-speed water slides, a wave pool, and safe play zones for kids.  
**Timings:** 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM (till 6:30 PM on Sundays)  
**Entry Fee:**  
Advance Booking: Rs 1,000 (adult), Rs 700 (child)  
General: Rs 1,299 (adult), Rs 799 (child)  
Weekend/Public Holiday: Rs 1,499 (adult), Rs 999 (child)  
**Highlights:** Professional setup, excellent safety, wide ride variety.

**1. Lighthouse Waterpark, Mansar**  
Set amidst natural surroundings near Ramtek, Lighthouse Waterpark is a popular destination for families. It combines water-based entertainment with attractions like a bird park and amusement rides.  
**Timings:** 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
**Entry Fee:** Rs 400 per person (includes water park, amusement park, bird park, and a free meal)  
**Highlights:** Multi-attraction ticket, scenic location, family-friendly rides.

**3. Dreamasia, Tarabodi**  
Dreamasia is more than just a water park—it's a vibrant theme destination. With over 40 rides and 11 themed zones, it caters to thrill-seekers and families alike.  
**Timings:** 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
**Entry Fee:** Contact the park directly  
**Highlights:** Adventure zones, wave pools, rain dance, and extensive ride variety.



**4. Dwarka Water Park, Saoner Road, Patansaongi**  
This spacious park is ideal for a relaxing yet fun outing. It features clean pools, thrilling slides, and picnic-friendly surroundings.  
**Timings:** 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
**Entry Fee:** Contact the park directly  
**Highlights:** Adventure zones, wave pools, rain dance, and extensive ride variety.

**6. Fun Planet, Patansaongi**  
This water park is a large spot for schools and large groups. Its layout includes high-energy rides, a wave pool, and group activity zones.  
**Timings:** 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
**Entry Fee:** Rs 600 per person  
**Highlights:** Group-friendly, affordable fun, diverse water attractions.

**8. Spring Valley Waterpark, Jatamkhura**  
Surrounded by lush greenery and gentle hills, Spring Valley Waterpark offers a quiet, scenic retreat with all the standard water park amenities.  
**Timings:** 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
**Entry Fee:** Rs 400 per person  
**Highlights:** Natural setting, peaceful environment, suitable for family outing.  
**Make the Most of Your Visit**  
To avoid crowds and maximize enjoyment, plan your visit on weekdays or early mornings. Most parks offer food courts and locker facilities. Carry swimwear, sunscreen, and essentials for a seamless experience.  
This summer, whether you're chasing adventure or a calm day in the water, Nagpur's top water parks promise excitement and relaxation for every kind of visitor.

## Employee misuses cheque to defraud firm of Rs 27.8 lakh in Sadar

**Nagpur 2 May:** A 26-year-old company employee has been booked by Sadar Police for allegedly betraying his employer's trust and misappropriating Rs 27.8 lakh by misusing signed company cheques. The complainant, Antony Francis Edward Peter (43), originally from Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, and currently residing at Fortune House Apartments on Koradi Road, Nagpur, is the General Manager of several firms including DMS Enterprises, S Prince Hi-Tech Pvt Ltd, Priyanka Energetech Pvt Ltd, Priya Tech Company, and Prince Thermal India Pvt Ltd. Peter had hired the accused, Anand Arun Uike, a resident of Gopal Nagar, to



handle the company's banking transactions. Uike allegedly misused cheques signed by company director Augustin Joseph Stalin to withdraw Rs 27.80,800 from the company's bank account. Following the fraud, the accused reportedly absconded. Sadar Police have registered an offence under Section 316(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

## Weather alert: Thunderstorms & strong winds expected in Nagpur

**Nagpur 2 May:** Rapid changes in weather conditions across Maharashtra have become a growing concern. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an alert for increasing instability in the Vidarbha region on May 2nd. While some areas will continue to experience intense heat, others may see thunderstorms, strong winds, and light rain. Temperatures are set to climb above 40°C across many cities in Vidarbha, with Akola bracing for a scorching 44°C and Amravati close behind at 43°C—creating dangerously hot conditions. Nagpur, Wardha, Chandrapur, and Yavatmal will also feel the heat, with daytime highs ranging from 41°C to 43°C.



## BEATING THE HEAT....



Mercury is soaring in the second capital and indeed across the region. City kids and youngsters in these circumstances are thronging swimming pools in order to beat the heat as well as learn swimming which maybe appropriately called a life saving skill.

## SELFIE COMPETITION



Our esteemed reader Shambhavi Kumar with her son and other kin during a family event

## Various organisations across region celebrate Maharashtra day

**Nagpur 2 May:** Various organisations across the region celebrated Maharashtra day with gusto on Thursday. Chiefly among them were:

### Police Headquarters Gondia



On Thursday, on the occasion of Maharashtra Day, a flag hoisting ceremony was held at the Police Headquarters, Gondia in the presence of District Guardian Minister Babasaheb Patil. On the occasion, he extended warm wishes to everyone on the occasion of Maharashtra Day and International Labour Day. Former legislator Rajendra Jain was present on the occasion. Along with the State Cooperation Minister and Guardian Minister of Gondia district, Rajendra Jain discussed various issues with senior & old artists, group secretaries of cooperative sector organisations, the problem of fines and various pending problems in the cooperative sector. On the occasion, Bharatiya Janata Party office bearers and Subhash Akare of the cooperative sector and other office bearers of the cooperative sector were present. Rabi crops are being produced in large quantities by farmers in the district, including paddy, maize, vegetables and orchards. Farmers mainly buy maize and orchard products in Arjuni Morgaon and Sadak Arjuni talukas. But due to unseasonal rains and hailstorms in Gondia district two days ago, crops have been damaged to a large extent and the farmers of the district are in trouble. Meanwhile, former legislator Rajendra Jain had demanded immediate Panchnama by informing MP Praful Patel about the damage caused by rainfall. Guardian Minister Babasaheb Patil was on a tour of Gondia district, while visiting the dams of farmers in Davwa and Khanjari, he personally inspected the affected areas where rabi paddy, maize crops and orchards had sustained damage and discussed with the farmers about the damage caused by unseasonal rains and assured them of conducting Panchnama and disbursing compensation soon. He instructed the officials to conduct Panchnama immediately. Guardian Minister Babasaheb Patil, legislator Rajkumar Badole, former legislator Rajendra Jain visited the Gram Panchayat and congratulated Sarpanch Yogeshwari Chaudhary, Village Development Officer and members and villagers for getting the first prize in the country for environmental protection and public awareness under the Government of India's scheme. On the occasion, along with Guardian Minister Babasaheb Patil, legislator Rajkumar Badole, former legislator Rajendra Jain, Avinash Kashiwar, Ketan Wadgaye, Nisha Kashiwar, Kavita Rangari, Sudha Rahangdale, Dr. Patle, Rajni Gihrepunje, Pushpamala Badole, Rupvilas Kursunge, Ramesh Badole, Anil Bilya, Rakesh Jain, Bhayyalal Pustode, DU Rahangdale, Asthik Parashuramkar, Madhukar Gaware, Dinesh Kore, Bhiringraj Parashuramkar, Montu Chavan, Manoj Gaiwad, Kishor Dongarwar, Rajesh Kappate and a large number of farmers were prominently present.

### Great personalities' contributions reminisced at Kuhu



In the hall of Group Gram Panchayat Musalgaon, a joint celebratory event to mark the birth anniversary of great personalities was organised by Mansi Sanskrutik Kala Mandal Musalgaon and Orange City Bahuddeshiya Sanstha Vihirgaon Nagpur on the occasion of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, Rashtra Sant Tukdoji Maharaj and 1 May Maharashtra day & International Labour Day. Former Sarpanch Dr. Bhujade presided over the programme while the chief guest was Sarpanch Damayanti Adikne. GP members Ranjana Zade, Vandana Meshram, Sunil Meshram, Atul Khadse, Sanjay Peshneh, Ravi Ingle, Krushnarao Thakkar, Police Patil Varsha Khadse, Mangala Khadse, Sonu Pise, Sushma Sapate, Yogita Dhonde, Badal Bhujade, Abhimana Adikne and others were present on the occasion. First of all, garlands and floral tributes were offered to the portraits of great personalities and tributes were given. In his presidential address, Dr. Bhujade told the audience that it is the need of the hour to recognise the contributions of great men and adopt their thoughts on the work they have carried out and put them into practice. Sahil Shende, Mansi Shende and other students of the school and villagers showed up in large numbers for ensuring the success of the programme.

### Saksham School, Wardha



Saksham School, Wardha celebrated Maharashtra Day and International Labour Day on 1st May 2025 with great enthusiasm and pride, to honour the state's rich cultural heritage, vibrant history, and the invaluable contributions of workers.

The event commenced with the flag hoisting ceremony, conducted by the School Secretary, Mr. Rohanji Kathane, along with the Principal, Mr. Mangeshkumar Awar and Mr. Nilesh Fulgaonkar, followed by a soulful group song by the teachers.

The highlight of the programme was the inspiring speeches delivered by Mrs. Priti Wadibhasme and Mrs. Renuka Umbarkar, who emphasized the significance of the day. Principal Mr. Mangeshkumar Awar also addressed the gathering and shared his valuable thoughts.

The programme was gracefully hosted by Mrs. Ashwini and Mrs. Rupali. All teaching and non-teaching staff were present, making the celebration truly meaningful and memorable.

### Maharashtra Navnirman Sena Ramtek



On Thursday, activists and office bearers of Maharashtra Navnirman Sena Ramtek celebrated Maharashtra Day and International Labour Day by garlanding and paying homage to the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and greeting workers. MNS Nagpur District President Shekhar Dunde, Rocky Chaware, Upesh Gadhawe, Faiz Syed, Harsh Dhage, Akash Sahare, Yash Amritkar, Darshan Wagde, Sumit Upare, Gaurav Behade, Adarsh Wagde, Akash Pawar, Avinash Bagde, Saurabh Saokar, Akash Pawar, Mangesh Wagde, Ankit Dhomne, Siddhesh Kusube, Krish Kusumbe, Ayush Jaiswal, Sahil Hatwar and several office bearers and Maharashtra sainiks were present on the occasion.

### Guardian Minister Bawankule hoists flag at Kasturchand park



A grand official ceremony was held at Kasturchand Park in Nagpur today to commemorate the formation of Maharashtra state. The event began with Guardian Minister of Nagpur District, Chandrashekhar Bawankule, hoisting the national flag. The ceremony was attended by senior officials from various government departments, police personnel, and a large number of citizens. Following the flag hoisting, a disciplined salute was given to the national flag by the police, and a captivating parade was presented, igniting a strong sense of patriotism among the attendees. The event concluded with the national anthem. During the program, several employees who demonstrated outstanding service and dedication were honored. They were presented with commendation certificates and mementos in recognition of their work. Maharashtra Day is celebrated every year on May 1 to mark the formation of the state. In 1960, Maharashtra and Gujarat were established as separate states based on linguistic lines, with Nagpur designated as the second capital of Maharashtra.

### Ladki Bahin Yojana has strengthened women's role in family and society: Wardha Guardian Minister Dr. Pankaj Bhoyar

On the occasion of Celebration of Maharashtra Day, Guardian Minister Dr. Pankaj Bhoyar emphasized the significant impact of the state government's ambitious scheme 'Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana', stating that it has enhanced the self-respect of women while increasing their participation in family and community affairs. The scheme has already benefited over 3.11 lakh women in Wardha district alone. The district-level Maharashtra Day celebration took place at the District Sports Complex, where Dr. Bhoyar unfurled the national flag and offered greetings to citizens on Maharashtra Day and Labour Day in presence of District Collector Vanmathi C., CEO Jitin Rahman, SP Anurag Jain, and other senior administrative and police officials. Dr. Bhoyar paid homage to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the formation of the independent Marathi-speaking state and lauded Maharashtra's leadership in development since its inception. He highlighted Wardha's progress across sectors, attributing it to the legacies of Mahatma Gandhi and Acharya Vinoba Bhave, who had close ties with the district.



**Power Bill Waiver for Farmers**  
Under the Chief Minister Baliraja Free Electricity Scheme, 83,000 farmers in Wardha received a total waiver of Rs. 63 crore in power bills.  
**Compensation for Crop Damage**  
During the last Kharif season, 1.03 lakh farmers received Rs. 114 crore in compensation for crop losses.  
**Support for Cotton and Soybean Growers**  
The state government announced assistance of Rs. 5,000 per hectare for cotton and soybean farmers. As a result, 1.04

lakh farmers in the district received Rs. 61 crore.  
**Namo Shetkari MahaSanman Nidhi Scheme**  
Modeled after PM-KISAN, this scheme provides Rs. 12,000 annually to farmers' bank accounts.  
**Youth Training and Employment**  
Under the Chief Minister's Youth Training Programme, 1,661 youths have received professional training.  
In the CM's Employment Generation Programme, 490 new projects have been approved (target was 481), and Rs. 1,247 crore worth of investment was secured through 45 MoUs during the district's Investment Conference.

These will create 3,314 jobs.  
**Jal Jeevan Mission**  
2.34 lakh out of 2.38 lakh households in the district now have tap water connections.  
**Affordable Housing Initiatives**  
Under PM Awas Yojana, over 17,000 homes were approved in Phase 1, and 19,433 homes in Phase 2. Several homes are being built for various groups under different housing schemes.  
**Mukhyamantri Vayoshri Yojana**  
8,622 senior citizens received one-time assistance of Rs. 3,000 to support their needs during old age.  
**Pilgrimage Scheme for Seniors**  
950 senior citizens benefited from the Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yojana.  
**Lek Ladki Yojana**  
Under this scheme, Rs. 1,01,000 is provided for every girl child until she turns 18. In Wardha, 3,526 girls received a total benefit of Rs. 1.76 crore.  
Government officers, Social activists, Political leaders, Journalists, Senior citizens as well as citizens were present in large numbers for this programme.

### Lava GP, Wadi



Maharashtra Day and International Labour Day were celebrated in Lava Gram Panchayat. First of all, the national flag was hoisted at the Gram Panchayat Office, ZP School Lava, Sonbanagar, and Mahadevnagar by Sarpanch Jyotsana Nitnaware. On the occasion, Deputy Sarpanch Robin Shelare, Gram Panchayat Officer Sandeep Umathe, former ZP member Sujit Nitnaware, Gram Panchayat members Santosh Shende, Kapil Khadse, Akash Pawar, Puja Tabhane, Manisha Kumre, Sheela Golait, Sharda Maraskolhe, Sheela Pusam, Anganwadi worker Bharti Doifode, Anganwadi worker Swati Sonbawne, Rupali Wankhede, Kiran Dhone, Sadhana Hadke, Gram Panchayat employee Subhash Doifode, employee Subhash Doifode, Ramakrishna Dhurve, Anurag Wankhede, Charandas Dhongde, Suryavanshi Patil, Pratibha Meshram, Sarita Gawai, Bharti Doifode, Rupali Wankhede, Swati Sonbawne, Sarika Salame, Gram Panchayat members, principals, teachers were prominently present.

### Naik Vidyalaya, Sakoli



A flag hoisting programme was organised at Vasantrao Naik School, Chandori/Usgaon on the occasion of Maharashtra Day. On the occasion, the national flag was hoisted in the presence of the Chairman and Director of the School Management Committee, Manohar Raoji Rake, Vice Chairman of the Committee Jageshwar Kawale, Principal Ramkrishna Hargude, Darshan Katakwar, Manisha Kashiwar, Sports Organiser Shahed Qureshi. The proceedings of the flag hoisting ceremony, national anthem, and the Maharashtra song Jai Jai Maharashtra Majha were conducted by Qureshi. The Maharashtra Day and International Labour Day programmes were organised in the school hall. In his introductory speech, Principal Hargude gave information about the creation of Maharashtra and the first Chief Minister of the state. The programme's presiding dignitary Rake gave information about the life and work of Vasantrao Naik, the father of the Green Revolution and Yashwantrao Chavan the creator of modern Maharashtra. Aman Hatzade, a student of class V, gave information about Maharashtra Day. Mithilesh Chandewar and Manisha Hatzade assisted in the organisation of the programme. The programme's proceedings were carried out by Shahed Qureshi and the vote of thanks was given by Ashwini Rajurkar.

### Indirabai Bhosale College, Kuhu



The 66th Maharashtra Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at Rani Indirabai Bhosale College. The national flag was hoisted by college principal Gajanan Mandekar. After India gained independence, as per the States Reorganization Act of 1956 the provinces and princely states were grouped in the Indian Union on the basis of language. However, Mumbai state included people of various ethnicities and various linguistic groups including Marathi, Konkani, Gujarati and Kutchhi speakers. A regional movement known as the Samyukta Maharashtra Andolan started during which agitations and demonstrations were held seeking the formation of a separate Marathi speaking state. In order to achieve this, the Mumbai Reorganisation Act was passed in Parliament during April 1960. This act divided Mumbai state into two separate states, Gujarat and Maharashtra. Maharashtra was for the Marathi speaking people. The government allowed May 1 to be celebrated as Maharashtra Day so that people can reminisce the contributions of those who worked for the progress of the state and even laid down their lives for the state and country. Professors, office staff and students of the college were present on the occasion. Dr. Gayatri Kukde gave the introductory speech and conducted the programme's proceedings. Prof. Suresh Kukde, Dr. Pravin Lamkhede, Head of Sports Department, Vijay Deshmukh, Sanjay Tekam, Bharat Wankhede, Tekeshwar Deshmukh and others worked hard for the successful organisation of the event.

### Nagpur Municipal Corporation



On the occasion of Maharashtra Day, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) organized a special felicitation ceremony to honour fire officers and personnel for their exceptional service during emergency rescue operations. The event was held at the NMC Headquarters, where Municipal Commissioner and Administrator Dr. Abhijit Chaudhari felicitated the officers. Each fire officer was presented with a shawl of honour (Manacha Dupatta), a memento, and a copy of the Preamble of the Indian Constitution as a token of appreciation.