

## BULLS EYE

### Unfortunate mishap...

Today, a Boeing plane crashed in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. There were a total of 242 passengers on board, including the pilot and 12 crew members. Fortunately, one of the lucky passengers survived. Just as some lucky passengers survived the Titanic disaster that sank in the sea. In a similar way, this citizen has a similar situation. A plane crash means the lives of almost all the passengers on the plane are at stake. This is the experience so far. After this plane took off, it barely crossed half the height at which it should have flown. The plane suffered its first blow after taking off. Normally, such planes start their journey at 1200 feet. Because the plane stabilizes at that point. However, today this plane went to just 625 feet and then did not climb. While taking off, the tail of the plane hit a wall. After that, the plane did not climb. It went down with a jolt and the unfortunate passengers who were sitting in it along with the jolting of the plane must have created a lot of chaos. It is beyond imagination to imagine. There were 169 Indian passengers on this Boeing plane. There were seven Portuguese passengers. There was one Canadian citizen. Along with that, 11 young children including two newborn babies died in this accident. Now it has been said that this plane was twelve years old. Before the flight, this plane must have undergone a strict inspection in Delhi. Because it is the custom to inspect it before any plane takes off. That plane is an Air India Boeing plane. Air India is the first company to fly an aircraft in India. The company owned by the Tatas. The government took over that company. But in the end, there was a huge loss and the situation got out of hand. Due to this, Air India was again taken over by the Tatas. We do not feel that we should tell all Indians anything new about the management of the Tatas, their honesty and people-oriented management. But even after the Tata takeover of the company, Air India's management has not been as well-organized as it should have been. This has to be accepted. Still, it does not seem right to blame Air India's working methods for a plane accident. Nowadays, not a day goes by without an accident. In India, some die and some survive accidents like passenger bus, train, private car accidents, accidents on expressways and highways. As we said above, no one usually survives in plane accidents. Still, it must be said that it is a miracle that one passenger in this plane survived. Fifteen-twenty years ago, many companies came into this field. Many of them have now closed down. Among them, many companies like Vijay Mallya's Kingfisher have gone bankrupt. Air India is a government company and another company that is currently running very punctually is IndiGo. Other small and big companies are also doing well at present. We will have to go to the root of today's accident and find the reasons for the accident. Why the shame behind Air India still cannot be removed. This will also have to be reviewed. Today, IndiGo is number one in the country. Air India is next. That is why we can comment on this plane crash only after the full investigation report is available. The loss of life of all the passengers on the plane is incalculable. The shock to their families is unimaginable. Newborn babies and very young children who have not yet seen the world and had to say goodbye to it. All these things are the limits of grief. Those who lost their lives in this heartbreaking accident. To all those unfortunate passengers and those who lost their lives at the scene of the accident. Our tearful tribute to all of them!

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### Several Members of Nagpur's Kamdar Family Feared Aboard Crashed Air India Flight Near Ahmedabad

**Nagpur 12 June:** Tragedy struck on Thursday afternoon when an Air India flight en route to London from Ahmedabad reportedly crashed near the Ahmedabad airport, with at least 200 people feared dead. Official confirmation from authorities is still awaited at the time of filing this report. Among the 232 passengers and 10 crew members on board, several members of Nagpur's Kamdar family were reportedly travelling on the ill-fated flight. The aircraft, which took off from Ahmedabad at 1:17 pm, was carrying 169 Indian nationals, 53 British nationals, seven Portuguese nationals, and one Canadian citizen. Following reports of the tragic incident, relatives of the Kamdar family from Nagpur are said to have rushed to Ahmedabad. The exact number of family members on board is yet to be confirmed. Authorities are continuing rescue and recovery operations at the crash site, and further details regarding the cause of the crash and the list of passengers are expected to be released soon.

### Necessary to work for Hinduism: Balyogi Venkataswami

**UMARKHED/NAGPUR POST:** Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was a king who protected religion. He sacrificed his life for religion. He created Swarajya by taking eighteen pagadi castes along with the Mavalas. Therefore, Balyogi Venkataswami asserted that it is necessary to work for Hinduism without any discrimination. Venkataswami was speaking while guiding a programme organized by Vishwavandya Shivarai Pratishthan and Anugami Lokrajya Mahabhiyan (Anulom) on the occasion of Hindu Samrajya Din i.e. Shivarajyabhishek ceremony at Arya Vaishya Bhavan on June 10. The programme was mainly attended by MLA Kisan Wankhede, former MLA Namdev Sasane, Adv. Vilas Devsarkar, Vilas Nilawar, Prakash Dudhewar, Babusingh Jadhav, Prasad Pantagrao, Devhari Pawar, Vinod Srirame, Sachin Mankar, Avadhoot Wankhede, etc. Also, there were presence of Pratishthan and Anulom activists from



religious awareness work at the time, were felicitated on behalf of the Savana branch of the Pancha Pratishthan. Also, Pratishthan activist Yash Kshirsagar, who joined the government service as an engineer, was felicitated with great enthusiasm. The introduction was given by Gajanan Shinde, Ashish Vishwambhare conducted the programme and Vishnu Wankhede expressed vote of thanks. The programme ended with a pasaydan. Pratishthan, Anulom workers and Perfect Event Marleagaon cooperated for its success.

# AI plane with 242 people on board crashes near Ahmedabad airport

**Ahmedabad, June 12 (UNI)** An Air India flight with 242 people on board and bound for London crashed near Ahmedabad airport this afternoon. Details of casualties were not immediately known. The incident took place shortly after takeoff. Rescue operations were being conducted and authorities began their investigation into the cause of the crash. The Air India flight, a Boeing Dreamliner 787, crashed in a densely populated area near the airport. Immediately after the crash, local residents rushed to the area



to help with rescue efforts. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel rushed to Ahmedabad from Surat to assess the situation. Union Home Minister Amit Shah held a discussion with the CM. Air India in a post on X, said "Flight AI171, operating Ahmedabad-London Gatwick, was involved in an incident today, 12 June 2025." It said Air India continues to ascertain the details.



### President, PM express grief

President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have expressed deep sorrow over the tragic crash of Air India flight AI171, which went down shortly after take-off from Ahmedabad on Thursday afternoon.

### Maha CM, DCMs express shock

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, his deputies and others expressed distress over the tragedy. Pained and shocked to know about AI passenger flight incident at Ahmedabad airport, CM Fadnavis said in a post on X.

### TATA group to pay Rs 1 Cr to families of each victim

The Tata Group on Thursday announced to provide Rs one crore to the family of each person who lost their life in Air India plane crash near Ahmedabad in Gujarat. The announcement was made by the company's chairman N Chandrasekaran, who said that the group will also cover the medical expenses of those injured and ensure that they receive all necessary care and support. "Additionally, we will provide support in the building up of the B J Medical's hostel," he said.

## Pak record on terrorism is very clear: Ministry of External Affairs

**New Delhi, June 12 (UNI)** "Pakistan's track record is very clear," India said on Thursday as it sought to remind the US about Islamabad's history of supporting terrorism, including granting of shelter to Osama Bin Laden. The assertion by External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal came a day after US Central Command Chief General Michael Kurilla praised Pakistan, saying it was a "phenomenal counter-terrorism partner" in the fight against terrorism

and also commended it for support in operations against ISIS. "We all know Pahalgaon attack is only the recent example of cross-border terrorism. I would remind you that only recently one of the conspirators of 26/11 Tahawwur Rana was extradited from the US to India," Jaiswal said during the weekly briefing. Rana, Pakistani origin Canadian citizen, is associated with Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror outfit and was one of the key plotters of Mumbai terror attack of

2008. "Obviously none of us have forgotten that Pakistan gave shelter to Osama bin Laden. It is significant that the person and you would be aware that Dr Shakeel Afridi, who helped locate Osama Bin Laden is still imprisoned by Pakistani military," he added. Laden, chief of Al-Qaida terror network, was found and killed by Special Forces of America in May 2011 in a surgical operation at a residential house in Abbottabad, near Pakistan's capital Islamabad and close to military cantonment.

## CM Fadnavis holds secret meeting with Raj Thackeray

**Mumbai, June 12 (UNI)** Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday held a secret meeting with MNS president Raj Thackeray in a hotel here ahead of upcoming local bodies elections. Both the leaders spent about an hour at Taj Lands End Hotel in suburban Bandra. It is believed that Fadnavis intends to give another blow to Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena through this secret meeting. The meeting took place after the



state government set in motion the process of holding the local body polls by issuing orders for ward delimitation for 29 municipal corporations, including Mumbai.

### India's Covid case load touches 7,154

**New Delhi, June 12 (UNI)** India's total number of Covid-19 cases has reached 7,154 as of 8 AM on Thursday, according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. In the past 24 hours, 33 new infections have been confirmed, though case data from West Bengal is still awaited.

### 169 Indians, 61 foreign nationals aboard London-bound Air India flight

**New Delhi, June 12 (UNI)** The 242 passengers on board the ill-fated Air India flight AI171 that crashed on Thursday afternoon in Ahmedabad, included 169 Indian nationals, 53 British, one Canadian and seven Portuguese nationals. The flight from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick, carrying 242 passengers and 12 crew members, including two pilots, crashed after take-off. On its social media handle X, Air India said that the injured were being taken to the nearest hospitals. "Flight AI171, from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick, was involved in an accident today after take-off," Air India said in a post on X.

### PM lauds youth-led digital progress in India in 11 years

**New Delhi, June 12 (UNI)** Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday that his government in the last 11 years has brought innumerable benefits for people by leveraging the power of technology with young innovators playing a crucial role in driving India's self-reliance in the sector. The prime minister said the use of technology has greatly boosted service delivery and transparency. Furthermore, technology has become a means of empowering the lives of the poorest of poor, headed. He



also praised the Digital India initiative for enabling youth to harness innovation and strengthen India's position as a global tech leader. "Over the past 11 years, Digital India has empowered the youth to harness innovation, reinforcing India's position as a global technology powerhouse," added Modi on X.

### Aircraft crashed immediately after take-off: DGCA sources

**New Delhi, June 12 (UNI)** The London-bound Air India flight 171 crashed immediately after it took off from Ahmedabad Airport around 1.39 pm on Thursday afternoon, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has said. The ill-fated flight took off from runway 23 and was carrying 230 passengers and 12 crew members, including two pilots. The DGCA reported that shortly after departure, the aircraft made a "MAYDAY" distress call, signaling a life-threatening emergency. However, despite multiple attempts by

Air Traffic Control (ATC) to re-establish communication, the aircraft did not respond. The aircraft fell to the ground outside the airport perimeter shortly thereafter, resulting in a catastrophic crash. Heavy black smoke emanating from the crash site was seen, indicating the severity of the incident. The aircraft was under the command of Captain Sumeet Sabharwal, a seasoned pilot with 8,200 flying hours. He was assisted by co-pilot Clive Kunder, who has 1,100 hours of flying experience, said the DGCA.

## An analysis of some past sordid AI plane crashes

**New Delhi, June 12 (UNI)** A UK bound Air India Boeing with 242 people on board that crashed near Ahmedabad airport on Thursday afternoon, has brought back sordid memories of plane mishap tragedies. The most important was the one on January 24, 1966, in which the father of India's nuclear programme Dr Homi Jehangir Bhabha was killed. Dr Bhabha was on board Air India Flight 101, a Boeing, when it crashed near Mont Blanc in a controlled flight terrain while trying to land at Geneva Airport. All 106 passengers, including Dr Bhabha, and 11 crew members died in the crash. A misunderstanding between Geneva Airport ATC and the pilots about the aircraft position near the mountain was said to be the official reason of the crash. On January 1, 1978, Boeing 747 of Air India Flight 855 crashed into the Arabian Sea after takeoff from Mumbai. All 213



people on board were killed. The aircraft was bound for Dubai but lost control due to instrument failure combined with pilot disorientation. On June 21, 1982, Air India Flight 403 crashed at Bombay airport. Seventeen people were killed. On May 22, 2010, Air India Express Flight 812 overshot the runway at Mangalore and plunged into a gorge. The aircraft was bound for Dubai but lost control due to instrument failure resulting in 158 deaths. On August 7, 2020, Air India Express Flight 1344 from Dubai skidded off the runway at Kozhikode Airport during heavy rain. The aircraft broke into pieces. Twenty-one people on board were killed.

## MLA Rohit Pawar extends support to Kadu's agitation

**Nagpur/Amravati 12 June:** NCP (SP) MLA Rohit Pawar on Thursday extended his support to Bachchu Kadu's fast agitation, undertaken to press for his demands for a farm loan waiver and to address issues concerning differently-abled individuals. Talking to reporters here, he said that he has come to support Bachchu Kadu's stand and informed that NCP (SP) supremo Sharad Pawar also spoke to him. If the government does not take cognisance of Bachchu Kadu's agitation, it will cost the government dearly, said Rohit Pawar. He further said that all three parties of Mahayuti had mentioned loan waiver in their respective manifestos before the assembly elections but after gaining power, they

forgot everything, he alleged. Taking aim at the BJP alliance government in Maharashtra, the NCP (SP) MLA said that there is money to build roads worth Rs 80,000 crores, there is money to make contractors richer, there is money to take

ministers abroad, but there is no money for farmers, he noted. The government should not forget that there is now an atmosphere against the Mahayuti government in the minds of people, cautioned Rohit Pawar. (Related report on page 5)

## REMINISCING ACCOMPLISHMENTS....



**Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and other BJP leaders from the second capital reminisced accomplishments of Modi regime in the last 11 years. Legislators Sameer Meghe, Krushna Khopde, Sandeep Joshi and other leaders and office bearers were present on the occasion.**



# Parties initiate campaigning even as ZP polls await green signal

**Nagpur 12 June:** Even as the official order for the zilla parishad (ZP) and panchayat samiti (PS) elections is still pending, political parties in Nagpur district are wasting no time gearing up for the polls. Even the administrative officials confirmed they are fully prepared and ready to swing into action the moment the directive arrives from the state govt. Nagpur Rural Congress president Baba Ashtankar said the party is eagerly awaiting the state's nod but isn't sitting idle. "We've already started internal groundwork," he said. On Wednesday, the rural Congress held a meeting with taluka presidents, parishad and palika committee heads, and key grassroot workers. The goal was to assess and restructure the party's local

network ahead of the polls. "Some of our older booth-level and gram-level heads have either moved on or passed away," Ashtankar said. "We're working to identify fresh faces who deserve a chance and can energise our base." He added that all taluka units have been asked to submit updated lists of active members and new appointees by the end of this month. Meanwhile, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) too has hit the ground running with an aggressive door-to-door campaign aimed at reconnecting with rural voters. The push comes in the wake of the Supreme Court ruling that cleared the path for elections, which had been stalled due to the OBC reservation legal deadlock. As part of its pre-election strategy, the BJP



has deployed key leaders to revamp its rural presence. Former Congress leader Manohar Kumbhare, now with the BJP, has been tasked with overseeing three constituencies — Saoner, Hingna, and Katol — while Anand Raut is leading the campaign in Ramtek, Umred, and Kamptee. The two are mobilising

thousands of workers for a grassroot outreach blitz focused on promoting the Mahayuti govt's record and targeting the past MVA administration. Though the election order remains pending, the political temperature on the ground is already rising — setting the stage for a high-stakes rural showdown in Nagpur.

# Unidentified decomposed body found near Wadi's Spice Hotel

**Wadi 12 June:** A decomposed dead body of an unidentified man, aged around 40 years, was found on June 11, 2025, before 2:30 PM, in an open plot near Spice Hotel, Ward No. 4, Sondepar area of Wadi Police Station limits. The deceased was wearing a light-colored floral shirt and



brown full-length trousers, with a metal bangle and a thread tied to his right wrist. His identity is yet to be established. Based on the information given by Raju Nanaji Adale (38), a resident of Ward No. 4, Sondepar, Wadi, police registered an accidental death case.

# Raisoni Memorial Chess: Nagpur's Badole among joint leaders

**Nagpur 12 June:** Top seed IM Kaustav Kundu of West Bengal, second seed Arun Kataria of Rajasthan and Nagpur's Shaunak Badole are leading the table with 6½ points at the end of seventh round of 18th GH Raisoni Memorial International FIDE Classical Rating Chess Tournament currently in progress at GH Raisoni Institute of Information and Technology, Shradha Park, Wadi Hingna Link Road, Nagpur. The tournament is being organised by GH Raisoni Sports and Cultural Foundation in association with Kalpana Prakash Welfare



Foundation and is recognised by the Chess Association Nagpur, Maharashtra Chess Association, All India Chess Federation and FIDE. Pratik Tambi, Kushagra Paliwal, Arpita Patankar, Sahajveer Singh Maras and Nilay Kulkarni are closely following the leaders with six points each to their credit. In the seventh round, the top board witnessed a quick draw between IM Kundu and

FM Kataria in just 11 moves. However, on the second board, there was a fight between Nagpur lad Shaunak Badole and Shrenik Jain Daklia of Chhattisgarh. Both players settled in, securing their respective areas. However, after kingside castling by Shrenik, Shaunak launched a kingside attack against the Black King. With better piece placement and precise play Shaunak recorded the victory after 28 moves to join the leaders at the top. The third board game was a Carokann Defense employed by Pratik Tambi of

# Surjagad project: 1 Lakh trees not being cut, says forest department

**Gadchiroli 12 June:** The Gadchiroli forest department has clarified that no blanket permission has been granted for large-scale tree felling in the Surjagarh region, where an iron ore project is underway. Officials dismissed reports claiming that a lakh trees would be cut down as 'exaggerated and misleading'. The department confirmed that Lloyds Metals has received permission to operate in a phased manner, with strict environmental safeguards in place. It clarified that only minimal tree cutting will be allowed in designated built-up areas and only after approval by the relevant forest authorities. The project, which covers 91.5 hectares, will proceed in three phases, with each stage requiring separate clearance from the central government after compliance checks.

# 36 Hour power outage in Umarkhed sparks public outrage over MSEDC's inefficiency

**Umarkhed 12 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A severe thunderstorm that struck Umarkhed city and its surrounding areas recently caused a complete power outage lasting an alarming 36 hours. The prolonged darkness triggered widespread public anger, with residents blaming the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDC) for its outdated infrastructure, insufficient manpower, and administrative inefficiency. The blackout had a cascading effect on daily life: water supply systems halted, flour mills shut down, mobile networks were disrupted, and local businesses came to a standstill. In rural regions, farming and household activities were severely affected. Citizens expressed frustration that in today's digital age, electricity remains a fundamental necessity, and yet MSEDC has failed to modernize its operations. A key issue is the chronically malfunctioning 33kV substation located on Karodi Road. Locals report that the substation fails every time a storm hits, requiring at least 24-48 hours to restore power, yet no long-term solution has been implemented. Concerns have also been raised about unresponsive and underperforming staff. Citizens allege that MSEDC officers are often absent from review meetings, including those chaired by local MLA Kisan Vanakhede, and that field staff frequently ignore calls or provide unsatisfactory responses. Many residents are now demanding that the divisional MSEDC office currently located in Pusad be relocated to Umarkhed to ensure quicker response and better service delivery. Despite repeated follow-ups, the administration has remained silent on this issue. Residents have called upon Maharashtra's Energy Minister Devendra Fadnis to urgently intervene in the matter and ensure that necessary improvements are made to prevent future outages in the Umarkhed Assembly Constituency. Citizens report that MSEDC officers and staff often refuse to answer phone calls. Even when they do respond, they fail to provide clear or satisfactory answers, further fueling public resentment across Umarkhed Taluka.

# Mobile phone recovered by RPF Betul under 'Operation Yatri Suraksha'



**Nagpur 12 June:** On 11.06.2025, during the 00.00 to 08.00 hrs shift under Operation Yatri Suraksha, a joint patrol team comprising RPF personnel from Betul Post—Head Constable S.K. Patel, PLT Team members Head Constable Kulwant and Head Constable Y.S. Chandel—along with GRP Betul staff Head Constable Rajendra Tripathi and Constable Dilip Narware, was conducting a routine check on Platform No. 1 at Betul Railway Station. During the patrol, the team noticed an individual attempting to evade the area near the general waiting hall. The team immediately intercepted and questioned the person. On checking, a silver-colored Realme mobile phone was found in the person's possession. When asked to unlock the device or provide ownership details, the individual failed to do so or give any satisfactory explanation. Further verification through emergency contact numbers in the phone led to the identification of the rightful owner, who confirmed that the mobile phone had been stolen on 29.05.2025 while traveling from Junnardeo to Rani Kamalapati. The matter had been previously reported at GRP Rani Kamalapati under Zero FIR No. 0169/25. BNS Section 305(c), and later registered at GRP Amla as Crime No. 94/2025. The individual was handed over to GRP Betul along with the recovered mobile phone for further legal action. Passengers are reminded to stay alert and report any suspicious activity. For assistance, please contact the Railway 24x7 Helpline No. 139.

# Civic body polls: BSP chalking out strategy to take tally to 30 seats

**Nagpur 12 June:** After BJP and Congress, it is the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) that is a major player in the Nagpur civic body polls, even emerging as the third-largest party in the 2017 polls. With 10 seats under its belt, BSP is now gearing up to increase the tally to 30 and has chalked out a strategy for the same. BSP leader Prakash Gajbihiye said, "A huge population resides in slums and lower-income areas within Nagpur city, and those in power have neglected this completely. I can show you so many places in Nagpur where there is no proper sewage system, no proper roads, and the water supply is also not regular. People have realised that BJP or Congress will never solve these problems; hence they will turn to BSP for that." The party has also worked out their targeted seats in the NMC assembly constituencies, highlighting their preparedness. Gajbihiye said, "Our maximum seats will come from North Nagpur, for which our target is 15. The next highest will be from South-West, where we hope to bag around seven seats. Then in the West and South, our target is three each. And for Central, it is two seats. Now, this is the minimum target, but we are confident of getting much more." He added that BJP's strategy of regularisation of land and building pucca homes, which can help connect with voters, won't work in the polls. "This scheme, to provide housing for the poor, was started by Behenji (Mayawati), so BJP is simply doing a copy and paste of that formula," said Gajbihiye. Regarding Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA), Gajbihiye said, "People now realise that VBA won't be able to have any impact on their lives. We have been representing Nagpurians' voices in the civic body for a long time, so we have a proven track record." Their ace up the sleeve is party chief Mayawati herself. "We are planning for two major rallies in Maharashtra. One will be in Mumbai and the other in Nagpur. If Behenji holds a rally, then the entire voting dynamic changes at one stroke," said Gajbihiye.



# Teen dies after blow to head with iron Bangle Friend booked for culpable homicide in Ajni



**Nagpur 12 June:** An 18-year-old youth from Vishwakarma Nagar died under suspicious circumstances, prompting Ajni Police to register a case of culpable homicide against his friend. The deceased, identified as Aryan Vilas Wahile, a decorator by profession and resident of Lane No. 10, Vishwakarma Nagar, had been staying away from home for the past eight days. On June 10, 2025, around 9 AM, he was found sleeping on the footpath near Ajni Road and was brought home by his father and friends. After drinking coconut water, Aryan went to sleep, but later that night, around 9 PM, his health deteriorated, and he was rushed to Government Medical Hospital, where he was

declared brought dead. Initially registered as an accidental death, the case took a serious turn after the postmortem report revealed a head injury. During further inquiry, Aryan's friend disclosed that on June 9, Rahil Shyam Hajare (24), a resident of Lane No. 9, Vishwakarma Nagar, had allegedly struck Aryan on the head with a metal bangle, which likely caused the fatal injury. Based on a complaint filed by the victim's father, Vilas Sakharam Wahile, and findings from the inquest and statements, Ajni Police have now booked the accused under Section 105 and Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sंहिता (BNS). Further investigation is underway.

# Guerrillas' call ambush tactic still taking a heavy toll on commandos

**Gadchiroli 12 June:** The 'call ambush' strategy unleashed by guerrillas has exacted a heavier toll on security forces than jungle encounters in Maoist-hit states and the death of additional superintendent of police Akash Rao Giripunje in a IED blast in Sukma earlier this week reignited concerns over the deadly tactic. This calculated guerrilla warfare method, which exploits routine administrative procedures, has prompted security forces to overhaul their standard operating procedures, yet the threat remains formidable, said a senior security official. The 'call ambush' follows a sinister pattern. First, Maoists orchestrate arson in a village, often coercing locals to contact police for a so-called 'panchanaama' — a formal investigation to document losses for compensation claims, which is integral to the probe. When security personnel respond, they are lured into a trap where Maoists execute a three-pronged strategy — rigging the area with improvised explosive devices (IEDs), detonating blasts to disorient the commandos, and unleashing indiscriminate gunfire. The killing of ASP Giripunje in Sukma exemplifies this tactic. Responding to a villager's call to probe an arson incident, Giripunje and his team were ambushed in a meticulously planned attack involving IEDs and gunfire, leaving no chance for retaliation. In Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh, a hotbed of Maoist activity, 'call ambushes' have been a recurring menace. Commandos in

Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district have suffered heavy casualties from 'call ambushes.' In 2009, Maoists killed 51 security personnel in the district in different incidents, with a particularly devastating incident near Markegaon in February, where 15 cops were ambushed while heading to conduct a 'panchanaama' following an arson attack. Prompted by villagers under Maoist coercion, the small contingent was unprepared for the assault, with Maoists rigging the area with explosives and opening fire, killing all the 15. Also in 2009, a similar 'call ambush' led to the killing of 16 security personnel, including around six women cops near Hattigota in Dhanora tehsil of north Gadchiroli. In the same year, the Maoists deployed similar strategies to wipe out 17 cops from Laheri outpost in south Gadchiroli. In 2019, another 'call ambush' in Jambhukhed, Kurkheda taluka, claimed 13 policemen, who were responding to a panchanaama request. "We urge villagers in Gadchiroli to get the panchanaama done through video calls and such methods or delay the process before sanitising the area, deploy bomb detection and disposal squads and move after opening roads which are safe for movements of troopers," said a senior official of Maharashtra police. In Chhattisgarh in April 2021, a similar ambush in Sukma district killed 22 security personnel when forces were lured to a Maoist-controlled area in the pretext of an operation. The Sukma attack in 2025 underscored Maoists' continued ability to exploit

community-driven requests, turning routine duties into deadly traps. These incidents highlight Maoists' strategic exploitation of administrative protocols. Beyond Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra, 'call ambushes' have plagued other states in the Red corridor. In Jharkhand's Latehar district, a 2021 ambush killed five policemen responding to a 'panchanaama' call. In Odisha's Malkangiri district, multiple casualties were reported in 2023 due to similar traps. The tactic's success lies in exploiting the predictability of police responses, turning procedural duties into opportunities for attack. The repeated success of 'call ambushes' has forced security forces to adapt. In Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, and other LWE states, police now rely on technology to minimise risks. Video calls, drone surveillance, and remote assessments have become integral to SOPs, allowing forces to verify situations without immediate exposure. In 2023, Chhattisgarh police began using drones extensively after a series of ambushes, a practice now standard across Maoist-hit states. The guerrilla arsenal also includes 'mobile warfare,' where insurgents from multiple locations converge at an ambush point, amplifying attack impact. This, combined with 'call ambushes,' represents two most perilous strategies faced by security forces. The convergence of fighters makes attacks unpredictable, while manipulation of villagers adds psychological warfare.

# Nagpur to host CM's U-15 National Wrestling Championship for the first time

**Nagpur 12 June:** For the first time ever, the Chief Minister's U-15 National Wrestling Championship is set to take place in Nagpur from June 20 to 22, 2025, at the Indoor Stadium of the Divisional Sports Complex in Mankapur. This prestigious event is being organized with the approval of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), in collaboration with the Maharashtra State Wrestling Association and Nagpur City Wrestling Association. The championship will bring together promising young wrestlers from across the country, offering a national platform for athletes under the age of 15. **Inauguration and Key Guests** The event will be inaugurated on June 21 at 6 PM, following the arrival and reporting of players on June 20. The President of the Wrestling Federation of India, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, will be the chief guest at the opening ceremony. The Valedictory Ceremony and Prize Distribution will be held on June 22 at 7 PM. Senior dignitaries including Maharashtra Chief Minister



Devendra Fadnis, Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, Sports Minister Dattatray Bharné, and Guardian Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule are expected to grace the occasion. **Wrestling Categories and Weight Classes** The championship will feature competitions in three divisions: Freestyle Wrestling (Boys): 38, 41, 44, 48, 52, 57, 62, 68, 75, and 85 kg Greco-Roman Wrestling (Boys): 38, 41, 44, 48, 52, 57, 62, 68, 75, and 85 kg Girls (Under-15): 33, 36, 39, 42, 46, 50, 54, 58, 62, and 66 kg Around 750 wrestlers

from 25 state associations affiliated with the Wrestling Federation of India will participate in the event, along with 70-75 coaches and 75 team managers. Winners to Represent India in Asian Championship Significantly, the winning team of this championship will earn the opportunity to represent India at the upcoming Asian U-15 Wrestling Championship scheduled to be held in Kyrgyzstan from July 5 to 13, 2025. **Maharashtra Trials and Participation** Selection trials to form the Maharashtra team are being organized shortly. Interested wrestlers may contact Mr. Yogesh Dooke,

General Secretary of the Maharashtra State Wrestling Association, at 9850212825 for further information. **Organizers' Call to Citizens** Organizers have extended a warm invitation to citizens, especially wrestling enthusiasts, to witness this landmark national-level event. "This championship will provide a great platform for budding talent and promote wrestling culture in Maharashtra, especially in Nagpur," said officials. A press conference was held in Nagpur to announce the championship, attended by key officials: Ramdas Tadas — President, Maharashtra State Wrestling Association MLA Sandeep Joshi — President, Organizing Committee Dr. Piyush Ambulkar — Secretary Sanjay Tirthkar — Working President Dayaram Bhotamange — Vice President Sandeep Khare, Rama Yangat, Ramesh Khade — Joint Secretaries Avinash Lokhande, Vinod Kanhere, Satish Wade — Organizing Committee Members.



## Officials lack lustre attitude resulting in substandard development works

**Ashti Shahid (NAGPUR POST/TC):** The sub-divisional construction department office in the taluka has become a decorative object. None of the officers live in the office, but they do the work of the office from their own residences via mobile. Due to this, the citizens are crying out that the development works going on in the taluka are becoming substandard. In Ashti taluka, Arvi assembly constituency, due to the funds and intentions of both MLAs, Dadarao G. Keche and MLA Sumit Wankhade, a very large area of construction, development and road works is being spread. Work is going on everywhere in the taluka. Ever since the Sub-Divisional Officer of the Public Works Department here, Mr. Pathan, has not paid attention to the work in this taluka. He sits on the spot and pays attention to



the work of his commission and his well-wishers. Therefore, even the engineers working under him are taking advantage of it and celebrating the mountain from afar. Not a single officer stands and gets the work done on the Ashti Khadki Road, Ashti Thar Road and other roads and bridges in Ashti taluka. Whatever work is done, they do it behind their backs. They only come to show off after the work is completed. Therefore, all the work being done is of poor quality and this work should

be investigated. Recently, the crossroads at Khadki have started to be demolished in the last four months. Similarly, the flower work on Morshi Road is also of poor quality. Ashti Porgavhan, the road work is also of poor quality. MLA Sumit Wankhade has given one crore rupees for the Muslim cemetery under Ashti Nagar Panchayat and that work is also. It is becoming poor and substandard and the citizens are crying out that in this work, instead of using sand, they are openly using scrap and dust.

The citizens complain that not a single officer goes there to look into it. On the contrary, if someone goes to the office to lodge a complaint, many peons or babus who are present send them back saying that there is no responsible person there. No one is present in the office. The engineer and officer are consistently absent from the office. Ever since Sub-Divisional Engineer Pathan took charge of this office, this department has been in shambles. The important court building in the taluka is facing obstacles and due to the negligence of that department, the contractor is also sitting quietly. The same officer has deliberately obstructed the Rs 33 crore water supply scheme in Ashti and has also stopped its work. The District Collector should take note of this and take action.

## Two-days 'Advanced-Get-Set-Go' training program successfully conducted at faculty of engineering and technology, DMIHER(DU)

**Wardha 12 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Two days "ADVANCED-GET-SET-GO" program was held on June 10 & 11, 2025 at Faculty of Engineering and Technology, DMIHER(DU) for the second year students. The program was aimed to develop to improve and develop the interpersonal skills of the students which is important to achieve their goals and be successful in life in today's fast and competitive world. The program covered six dynamic sessions designed to foster a growth mindset, enhance problem-solving abilities, and strengthen team collaboration. The expert trainers, Mr. Karan Mangalkotand Mr. Harshal Singh led the sessions. Inauguration of the program was done on May 10, 2025 where Prof. (Dr.) K.T.V. Reddy, Dean of FEAT, addressed about the importance of such type of trainings in shaping personal and professional success. On the first day trainers focused on cultivating a positive attitude, fostering creativity through invention and innovation, and defining clear objectives with effective goal-setting



strategies. Building on the foundational skills from the first day, the second day focused on time management, problem-solving & decision-making, and a trust-building exercise to reinforce teamwork and leadership was covered on second day. Total 130 number of students participated in the training program. The program concluded with a valedictory function on June 10, 2025, where students shared their feedback expressed the learnings during the program like time management, boosted confidence, self-motivation, and ability to creative thinking, removal of stage fear, positive attitude, teamwork, how to

set the goals in life and strategy to achieve the same, areas of improvement, barriers in critical thinking, introspection etc. During the address trainers advised students to practice and follow the learning of the program educational and personal life. Prof. (Dr.) K.T.V. Reddy, Dean of FEAT, addressed the students was delighted to observe a positive transformation in students after completing the program. He encouraged them to cultivate good habits and constructive thoughts, all-rounders in everything, keep on doing and be honest and truthful in life to become a good human being. The entire program was coordinated by Dr. Subodh Daronde, Coordinator Training & Placement. Dr. (Mrs.) Utkarsha Pacharane, Dean Academics FEAT, along with all HoDs and faculty members were present during the valedictory function.

## 13th Foundation day of Devranjan Bahuddeshiya Sanstha celebrated

**Nagpur 12 June:** Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj had laid the foundation of a welfare state in the country. The ideal set by Chhatrapati, from humanitarian values to environment conservation, is still a guiding light for the masses. No amount of praise is enough for appreciating all artists in Nagpur who are working to revive the memories of Shivaji Maharaj through dance and drama and instill cultural values in the new generation through it, said Shrimant Raju Mudhoji Bhosale here recently. He was speaking during the inauguration of the thirteenth foundation day of Devranjan Bahuddeshiya Sanstha and the concluding programme of the summer bhaut hall camp organised at Gavavarya Suresh Chhatral Hall. Dr. Naresh Gadavkar, Vice President of Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Natya Parishad Central, well-known film artists Devendra Dodke, Devendra Lute, Asawari Tidke, Honey Khattar, Founder of Insider Media and Entertainment, Charudatta Jichkar, Director of Madhulika Recording Studio were prominently present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Natya Parishad Central Vice President Naresh Gadavkar praised the work of Devranjan Sanstha. In his speech, he wished that this organisation would make more efforts to produce new artists. Devranjan Bahuddeshiya Sanstha presented two dance plays, Rayatecha Raja and Shivbacha Chhawa, at various places, depicting the great events in the lives of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj respectively. It was highly appreciated by Shrimant Mudhoji Raju Bhosale. Initially, the dignitaries lit the traditional lamp. The programme started with the Ganesh Vandana ritual by Janhavi Ghule. After that, the participants presented various dances, skits and songs. On the occasion, Devranjan Sanstha artist Venkatesh Makde, who won a silver medal in the Maharashtra State Children's Drama Competition, Nagpur's well-known make-up artist Baba Khirekar, serial and theatre artist Avinash Wekhande, Damini Creations director Sandeep Daryapurkar, N Plus Studio's Janhavi and Anushka, and Digital Dhanda's Lokesh Rao were specially felicitated by the guests by presenting them with mementos. The introductory speech was given by Pravin Deshpkar. Dr. Ravindra Bhusari conducted the proceedings of the programme and proposed the vote of thanks.

Special drama performed to mark 351st



anniversary of coronation of Shivaji Maharaj

On the occasion of the 351st anniversary of coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, special performances of the dance dramas 'Raitecha Raja' and 'Shivbacha Chhawa' produced by Devranjan Bahuddeshiya Sanstha were presented during the programme. The lead roles of Chhatrapati Shivaji and Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj were played by writer, director and choreographer of the dance drama, Chinmay Deshkar. Bai Shivaji Ram Rathi, Jijau Samapti Deshkar, Shivaji Maharaj Pritam Bhagwatkar, Yesubai Poonam Katole, Tararani Mrinalini Deshkar, Shahir and Kavi Kalash Rajesh Chavde, Afzal Khan and Aurangzeb Prof. Ajay Wekhande added special attraction to the drama. Apart from this, more than 70 artists including Poonam Katole, Spandan Katole, Ram Makhe, Shailesh Bhalmie, Sweety Supalkar, Rekha Keshve, Poonam Dani, Pooja Yerme, Chhaya Kate, Surekha Sonule, Asha Panchbudhe, Harshit Sonule, Poonam More, Indu Dorle, Roshni Deotare, Shubhangi Samarth, Jagruti Athawale, Bhavika Mate, Parinoti Deshkar, Sohini Sonule, Ranjana Mankar, Unnati Panchbudhe, Mahi Karingwar, Trishali Athawale, Uttara More, Kavayashi Changle, Dhani Nagpure, Kusumita Katarwar, Maheshwari More, Parinoti Katarwar, Suhani Parate, Dhanashri Bokade, Mahi Baseshwar, Riya Ugale, Sanvi Deotare, Yukti Jamunpane, Avika Kandrikar, Devika Dani, Swara Tambe, Nandini Vinchurkar, Annavi Thakre, Swaranshi Kalburde, Shlok Samarth, Khushi Jumde, Priyanshu Supalkar, Devanshu Supalkar, Shivang Raut, Shaurya Thakre, Priyanka Jamunpane, Kuldeep Taiwade, Devanshu Dorle, Deepak Supalkar, Kimya Nanyani and others were included in the programme.

**Visakhapatnam 12 June:** ICICI Bank, in collaboration with Tata Memorial Centre (TMC), today announced commencement of the construction of a new building at the Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (HBCHRC) in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. With a commitment of over Rs 550 crore, the Bank is funding the construction of a state-of-the-art facility spanning nearly 3.9 lakh square feet, equipped with cutting-edge medical technology. Once operational, the eight-storied new building - ICICI Foundation Block for Child and Blood Cancer - will serve 3,000 patients annually. Currently, HBCHRC, Visakhapatnam has a capacity of handling 6,200 patients annually. Designed as one of the largest specialised cancer facilities in eastern India, the new building will house over 215 beds. It is expected to be completed by 2027, subject to necessary approvals. ICICI Foundation for Inclusive Growth, the CSR arm of ICICI Bank, will oversee its implementation. The foundation stone was unveiled by Mr. Pradeep Kumar Sinha, Chairman, ICICI Bank; in the presence of Mr. Sandeep Batra, Executive Director, ICICI Bank; and Dr. Sudeep Gupta, Director, Tata



Memorial Centre, Mumbai. Mr. N.K. Rao also inaugurated the N.K. Rao Auditorium in the presence of other dignitaries. ICICI Foundation has supported TMC with infrastructure and equipment for the new auditorium. Mr. Pradeep Kumar Sinha, Chairman, ICICI Bank said, "We are honoured to partner with TMC in a mission towards cancer care, that aligns with our philosophy of strengthening critical healthcare infrastructure in the country. This project reflects our commitment to enabling accessible and high-quality medical care for individuals in need. For this project, one of the largest in eastern corridor for child and blood cancer, will serve patients from Andhra Pradesh and nearby eastern

states, helping address the growing need for cancer treatment." On the occasion, Mr. Sandeep Batra, Executive Director, ICICI Bank stated, "At ICICI Bank, healthcare remains a focus of our CSR initiatives. Two years ago, we announced our partnership with TMC, an institution that has made a profound impact on cancer care in India, by committing Rs 1,200 crore to set up three new blocks at TMC's centres in Visakhapatnam, Navi Mumbai, and New Chandigarh. Recognising TMC's latest requirements, we are pleased to enhance our commitment to Rs 1,800 crore. Spanning a total area of 10.7 lakh square feet, these new blocks are designed to be equipped with state-of-the-art

medical facilities and research wings. These blocks will together accommodate 19 LINACs\* and 555 beds. Once fully operational, they will serve as regional hubs." Dr. Umesh Mahantshetty, Director, Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Visakhapatnam said, "We are grateful to ICICI Foundation for their generous donation, which will significantly contribute to the advancement of cancer treatment and research in Pediatric and Hematolymphoid Cancers in this region. The partnership with ICICI Foundation is a testament to the collective efforts of our institutions in providing top-notch care and improving cancer outcomes for patients across the country." Dr. Girish Chinnaswamy, Professor & Head, Paediatric Oncology, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai said, "Paediatric & Hematolymphoid Cancers require specialised care in terms of diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, support services including blood centre, nutrition, rehabilitation etc and expertise. At HBCHRC Visakhapatnam currently, we have been registering approximately 200 new Paediatric cancer and 350-400 Hematolymphoid cancer patients every year in the past 3 years.

With the new block added we will be able to augment the existing services substantially including expansion of bone marrow transplant programme and initiate immunotherapy. This will also provide ample opportunities to undertake research related to patients in this region." ICICI Bank's commitment to Rs 550 crore for the Visakhapatnam hospital is a part of the expanded contribution of Rs 1,800 crore. The ICICI Foundation Child and Blood Cancer Block at Visakhapatnam will offer comprehensive treatment options, including:

- Intensive chemotherapy, bone marrow transplantation, and advanced radiation therapy
- Cutting-edge immunotherapies like CAR-T cell therapy
- High-end medical imaging and diagnostics, including three LINAC\*, MRI, and CVT-PET scans
- 14 BMT (Bone Marrow Transplant) Rooms, 14 ICUs, 5 Operating theatres
- There will be research laboratories and joint discussion facilities for treatment planning and training

\*Linear Accelerators (LINACs) targets radiation at the cancer cells with accuracy, sparing the adjoining healthy tissues.

## Two-day work suspension agitation in Gram Panchayat from today



**Wadi 12 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A work suspension agitation will be held in Gram Panchayat of Nagpur taluka on Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14 by the District Executive Committee of the Maharashtra Rajya Gram Panchayat Karmachari Union. This information was given to the Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Parishad, Vinayak Mahamuni, through a memorandum on Thursday, June 12, under the leadership of Divisional Women's wing Vice President Sunita Munde, and under the guidance of Nagpur District Joint Secretary Mangesh Bhotmange. Nagpur Taluka President Deva Tajne, Nagpur Taluka Secretary Nagesh Chandekar, Taluka Joint Secretary Ashish Takarkhede, Nagpur Taluka members Gautam Tabhane and Pravin Charade were present on the occasion.

green gym lying in the ground will be installed soon and the gym equipment lying on the footpath will also be removed soon. On the occasion, Anand Kadam, Principal Purushottam Kothe, Lokpal Chapale, Suresh Kalpande and many senior citizens were prominently present.

**CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
E-Tender Notice  
Open Auction Sale of Wagon Leftover Material at Balharshah Railway Station  
E-Auction Number: NAG/C/152/G/Auction/Balharshah  
Under the relevant notice, auction of about 2000 tonnes of leftover material from the loading line of Balharshah Goods Shed has been scheduled by the competent authority on Thursday, 19.06.2025 at 12:00 PM at the Chief Station Manager Office of Balharshah Railway Station.  
Interested party/parties should visit Balharshah and inspect the remaining goods once and determine the approach road to take it from there and report to the Chief Station Manager's Office, Balharshah Railway Station on Thursday, 19.06.2025 before 12:00 PM. Interested party/parties should submit a security deposit of Rs.8,04,000 (Rupees Eight Lakh Four Thousand only) + 5% GST extra before bidding. Demand Draft issued by any scheduled commercial bank in the name of "Financial Advisor cum Chief Accounts Officer, Central Railway, Mumbai" (FA&CAO, Central Railway, Mumbai) payable at Balharshah. No cash amount will be accepted. Price: Rs.32,16,000 (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Sixteen Thousand only) + 5% GST extra. The interested party/parties will have to participate in the process by appearing at the prescribed time/date and place for the open bid auction and the auction will be conducted in favour of the highest bidding party/parties as per rules.  
The full price of the goods purchased through auction (plus GST) will have to be paid at the auction site in the form of DD and the goods will have to be removed from the railway premises by the concerned party/parties at their own risk within the permitted period which will be decided by the auction officer. Railway administration will not bear any responsibility in this regard.  
AK/11/87 Assistant Commercial Manager, Central Railway, Nagpur  
Travelling with dangerous and explosive goods is a punishable offense

**CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
E-Tender Notice  
E-TENDER NOTICE No.: NGP/L/2025/T/09, Date: 11.06.2025.  
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General) Central Railway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, DRM Building, Kingsway Road, Nagpur-440001 for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender through website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for the following work. Name of work: Annual maintenance contract of RMPU of different make fitted on non-LHB AC coaches of roof mounted design on Nagpur division for period of Three years. Tender cost of work: Rs. 1,76,73,698.32. Rupees One crore Seventy six lakh seventy three thousand Six Hundred Ninety Eight and Thirty Two Paise only. Bid Security: Rs. 2,38,400/- Cost of tender form: Rs. Nil. Completion Period: 36 months. The offer will remain open for 60 days. Date & time for submission of tender: 07.07.2025 up to 11:00 Hrs. Date & time of opening of tender: 07.07.2025 up to 11:15 Hrs. Web site particulars: [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Detailed tender notice is placed on notice board in the office of Sr. DEE (G) NGP 2<sup>nd</sup> floor DRM office building Nagpur. Further any other correction and corrigendum, if any, to be seen on web site only.  
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## Finally, administration takes cognisance of theft of benches in ground

### 5 Benches reclaimed back



**Wadi 12 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Wadi Municipal Council administration has finally taken serious cognisance of the complaint that 5 benches were stolen from Gajanan Society sports ground. All 5 stolen benches were brought back to the field in just 1.5 hours. When senior citizen hour formation principal Purushottam Kothe investigated the matter after noticing the absence of benches in the field, he found benches of the Municipal Council in front of some houses in Daulatwadi area. He directly informed the Chief Officer of the Municipal Council, Dr. Richa Dhabarde,

through a memorandum in this concern. A copy of the complaint was also given to Wadi police station. After that, on Saturday, May 31, former principal Kothe and other citizens visited the field and told the Chief Officer about the facts. But since the expected action was not taken, a memorandum was once again given in the presence of former Deputy Sarpanch Anand Kadam on Thursday. Responding to this follow-up, the administrative officials took immediate action. The five stolen benches were brought back to the field. Also, Chief Officer Dr. Richa Dhabarde assured that the

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### निविदा सूचना (१ली वेळ) (सन २०२५-२६)

सर्व सार्वजनिक बांधकाम विभाग पंजीबद्ध कंत्राटदारास याददारे सूचित करण्यात येते की, नगरस्थान निधी अंतर्गत खालील निर्देशित कामाकरिता निविदा मागविण्यात येत आहे. १% इसार रक्कम दिलेल्या मुदतीत भरावयाची आहे. दिलेल्या मुदतीत न येणा-या निविदा स्वीकृत करता येणार नाही. तसेच निविदा मंजुरीचे व नामंजुरीचे संपूर्ण अधिकार मुख्याधिकारी वर्धा यांनी राखून ठेवले आहे.

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३	सील बंद निविदा सादर करणे	दि. १३/०६/२०२५ ते दि.२३/०६/२०२५ ला वेळ सायंकाळी ५.०० वाजेपर्यंत (कार्यालयीन सुटीचा दिवस वगळून)
४	निविदा उघडणे	दि.२३/०६/२०२५ ला वेळ सायंकाळी ५.०० वाजता (शक्य झाल्यास)


सदर कामांचा सविस्तर तपशील बांधकाम विभाग नगर परिषद, वर्धा येथे कार्यालयीन वेळेत बघण्यासाठी उपलब्ध आहे.

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BUSINESS

UGRO Capital doubles its presence across Maharashtra with 20 new branches



**Mumbai 12 June:** UGRO Capital, a leading DataTech NBFC focused on MSME lending, is proud to announce the opening of more than 20 new branches across Maharashtra, further solidifying its commitment to financial inclusion and last-mile credit delivery. With this strategic expansion, UGRO Capital's branch network in Maharashtra grows to an impressive 42, making it the state with one of the highest numbers of UGRO branches. The newly opened branches are in Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Jalgaon, Nasik, Sagamner, Kalyan, Panvel, Pimpri Baramati, Bhandara, Brahmpuri, Chandrapur, Gondia, Khopoli, Kolhapur, Pandargawda, Pen, Ratnagiri, Sangli, and Wagholi to address the unsolved credit needs of MSMEs in these regions. This initiative underscores UGRO Capital's mission to enable underserved MSMEs to access affordable credit and scale their businesses. Maharashtra's Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) ecosystem is a major contributor to the state's economy and the country's GDP. Its 5.3 million registered MSMEs positions Maharashtra as a leading contributor to India's MSME sector, accounting for over 17% of the country's MSME and employs 24% of the total workforce in the state. Commenting on the expansion, Mr. J Sathiyayan, Chief Business Officer-Micro Enterprises, UGRO Capital, said, "Maharashtra has always been pivotal for UGRO Capital, and our increased branch penetration reflects our unwavering confidence in the state's MSME potential. By leveraging advanced data analytics, innovative lending models and our increased focus on Emerging Market Segment, we aim to bridge the credit gap for small businesses and contribute to their growth journey. Our expansion ensures that financial inclusion reaches even the remotest corners, empowering local businesses and fostering regional development." UGRO Capital's strong branch network in Maharashtra is projected to serve over 10,000 MSMEs by the end of 2025, driving job creation and fostering economic growth in the region. These branches are equipped to support small businesses and address their credit needs. UGRO branches offer business loans ranging from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 5 crore, the company has also launched Roof Top Solar Loans and Equipment Finance and Machinery loans, enabling businesses to invest, expand, and access new markets. Maharashtra's industrial landscape is diverse, encompassing sectors such as textiles, automobiles, chemicals, information technology, and food processing. Maharashtra's MSME sector is well-distributed across various regions, with Mumbai and Pune emerging as key industrial hubs that drive innovation, investment, and employment opportunities. Efforts are ongoing to promote regionally balanced and sustainable growth, ensuring that the benefits of industrial development are equitably distributed throughout Maharashtra. As UGRO Capital continues to strengthen its footprint in Maharashtra, the focus remains on fostering an inclusive and sustainable ecosystem where every small business has the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

**Alpenliebe launches India's first liquid choco filled pop!**

**Mumbai 12 June:** Alpenliebe Eclairs has long been a household favourite, known for its signature rich, liquid choco center—a hallmark of indulgence that consumers have come to love and expect. Building on this iconic experience, Alpenliebe now brings the same choco delight in an all-new format with the launch of Alpenliebe Eclairs Pop, India's first-ever lollipop with a choco liquid filling. At just Rs 5, Eclairs Pop delivers a premium sensory experience—combining the familiar chewy caramel exterior with a rich, flowing choco center. It brings a much-loved indulgence to a convenient, on-the-go format, tailored for teens and young adults looking to satisfy their cravings anytime, anywhere. Whether you savor it slowly or go for that single, blissful bite, Eclairs Pop transforms everyday snacking into pure choco joy. "With Alpenliebe Eclairs Pop, our aim was to extend a much-loved experience into a new, convenient format. We know how deeply loved the Eclairs' choco center is - and this product carries that indulgence forward in every way. Teens and young adults are seeking richer, more immersive treats even in everyday formats—and Eclairs Pop is just that. Not a twist, but a natural evolution of what they already enjoy," said Gunjan Khetan, Director Marketing, Perfetti Van Melle India

**ICICI Prudential Life disbursed over Rs. 900 crore as loan against traditional policies in FY2025**

**Mumbai 12 June:** ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has disbursed over Rs. 900 crore as loans against traditional policies to its customers in FY2025. The loan against policy feature is very useful as it provides customers with liquidity without disturbing their long-term savings plan. In FY2025, the Company disbursed loans to over 42,700 customers. Mr. Amish Banker, Chief Operations Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "Life insurance is a long-term product, and customers may face liquidity challenges during the tenure of the policy. The loan against policy feature can ensure the financial savings plan remains on track. Notably, customers can avail of a loan up to 80% of the policy's surrender value. The process for availing loan against policy is paperless and quick. In FY2025, more than 98% loans were disbursed within 24 hours. Customers can use the Company website or our mobile app to lodge their applications. We have witnessed an increasing adoption of the loan against policy feature among our customers with a 60% year-on-year increase in loan disbursements in FY2025. This reflects the commitment of our customers to remain invested in the product for the long-term and achieve the financial goals for which the product was purchased. Notably, the funds can also be utilised for premium payments, ensuring continuity of the policy and its benefits."

EDITORIAL

International Albinism Awareness Day



International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD) is celebrated annually on June 13 to celebrate the human rights of persons with albinism worldwide.

**History**

**Early developments**

Around the mid-2000s, reports made public a rising number of violent attacks on and murders of persons with albinism in Tanzania. Many reports have accused perpetrators of attributing magical powers to the bodies of persons with albinism, and thus being motivated to use them for lucky charms and occult rituals. Until 2015, perpetrators killed more than 70 victims and harmed many more. In response, the Tanzania Albinism Society (TAS) and other NGOs began campaigning for the human rights of persons with albinism. TAS celebrated the first Albino Day on May 4, 2006. It became National Albino Day from 2009 onwards and was eventually called National Albinism Day.

**United Nations observance**

On an international level, the Canadian NGO Under the Same Sun (UTSS) joined late Ambassador of the Mission of Somalia to the United Nations (UN), Yusuf Mohamed Ismail Bari-Bari, in his effort to pass a resolution promoting and protecting the rights of persons with albinism. Such a resolution came about when the Human Rights Council on June 13, 2013, adopted the first resolution ever on albinism. Later on, in its resolution 26/10 of June 26, 2014, the Human Rights Council recommended June 13 to be proclaimed as International Albinism Awareness Day by the United Nations' General Assembly. The UN's General Assembly, then, adopted, on December 18, 2014, resolution 69/170 to proclaim, with effect from 2015, June 13 as International Albinism Awareness Day. The chosen date is reminiscent of the UN's first ever resolution which was passed on June 13 a year before. Today, IAAD is celebrated around the world from Tanzania, to Argentina, to Senegal, to Fiji, France, the United Kingdom and Namibia.

Private agencies in space race has its perils

The public spat between US President Donald Trump and his former advisor Elon Musk, triggered by the latter's criticism of the Congressional tax bill, has captured global attention. After Trump threatened to terminate government contracts and subsidies to Musk-owned SpaceX, the maverick billionaire issued a counter-threat to 'decommission' the Dragon spacecraft used by NASA. Musk made a U-turn and withdrew his threat a few hours later. Trump's warning to cancel government contracts to SpaceX and Musk's threat to withdraw Dragon from service—both have serious implications for the space sector in America and globally. An immediate point of concern was the flight of the Falcon rocket and crew spacecraft, including the four-member crew, including Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla of India, to the International Space Station (ISS). Though Musk could not have possibly carried out his threat to decommission Dragon at such short notice, given the complex web of contracts involving multiple players, the threat did create temporary uncertainty and anxiety. In a related development, Trump has withdrawn the nomination of Jared Isaacman to lead NASA. Isaacman, a billionaire aerospace entrepreneur, was widely known to be Musk's pick for the top job. Unlike the 1984 space flight of the first Indian astronaut, Rakesh Sharma—conducted free of cost as per a bilateral deal between India and the Soviet Union—Shukla is going to the ISS in a private mission costing each passenger \$55-60 million (about Rs 550 crore). The flight results from a set of agreements involving the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), NASA, SpaceX and Axiom Space. NASA operates the ISS, while it has hired the services of SpaceX for transporting astronauts to the space station, and Axiom Space provides astronaut training and other facilitating infrastructure.

Shukla's co-passengers on this trip are two astronauts from Poland and Hungary, and the flight is commanded by former NASA astronaut and Axiom official Peggy Whitson. Astronauts from Canada, Israel, Spain, Italy, Saudi Arabia, Türkiye and Sweden have flown to the ISS during previous missions of Axiom Space. Since the decommissioning of the Space Shuttle programme of NASA over two decades ago, SpaceX has become a centerpiece in America's space infrastructure. The company is responsible for satellite launches, crewed missions to the ISS as well as the launch of national security payloads for the Pentagon and intelligence agencies. The total value of contracts awarded to SpaceX, according to reports in the American press, is \$22 billion. Several important missions of NASA, like the launch of the Nancy Grace Roman Telescope in May 2027 and future lunar missions, depend on the launch services of SpaceX. NASA's next-generation Space Launch System is running behind schedule and faces budgetary cuts. If Trump follows through on threats to slash contracts to Musk's companies, it will not only slow down SpaceX's growth but also create gaps in the national capabilities of America.


SpaceX and NASA are interdependent. There are other players like Boeing and Blue Origin too, but they are yet to reach the same level as SpaceX. The overdependence of NASA on private entities like SpaceX and Axiom has global implications, including for India, as demonstrated in the brief uncertainty over the impending Axiom mission. This apart, India signed the Artemis Accords with NASA during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June 2023. The Accords are a set of non-binding multilateral agreements launched in 2020, aimed at establishing principles for cooperative space exploration, especially concerning the Moon and Mars.

While SpaceX is not a signatory to the Accords (only national space agencies or countries can sign it), it is vital for turning the Accords' vision into reality. SpaceX will build space vehicles and systems needed to make cooperative lunar missions possible. India and other signatories to the Accords should consider this critical role of private entities in its execution. Musk's threat to decommission Dragon and his conflict with Trump over space contracts should be a cause of concern globally on another count – satellite Internet services provided by Musk's Starlink. The company has been marketing its services to security agencies and armed forces globally. In America, several military commands are said to be using Starlink services, and it has been deployed in Ukraine too.

Should Starlink customers trust someone like Musk who can threaten his own President and national space agency to decommission a vital space asset? It is known that Starlink's global satellite-based Internet service can be turned off or on in specific regions at will. Ironically, amid the Trump spat the Central Government cleared Starlink to provide its services in India. The conflict between Trump and Musk, while rooted primarily in politics and ego clashes, raises larger strategic questions for national space agencies. It underscores the risks and implications of relying heavily on billionaire space entrepreneurs like Musk or Jeff Bezos (Blue Origin) for critical national and international space objectives. National and space agencies like ISRO, European Space Agency (ESA) and Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency should watch out and chalk their future collaborations with America accordingly. The European Commission is already emphasising 'strategic autonomy' in its space plans. The dependence of European countries on Falcon 9 of SpaceX has led to calls for reducing reliance on US launchers. France and Germany are pushing for a Europe-led mega-constellation to compete with Starlink. It is being realised that sovereign control is a must since Starlink controls vast real-time data networks. Musk's influence over NASA's capabilities is a reminder that space access sovereignty is essential for every spacefaring nation. It is a wake-up call that space is not insulated from political power games. ISRO must diversify partnerships, strengthen its own launch ecosystem and advocate a global space governance framework to ensure that the future of space does not rest in the hands of a few powerful individuals. Technological sovereignty should be kept in mind as India also plans to open its space sector to private players.

ENTERTAINMENT

I was afraid about my height': Aamir Khan recalls his initial struggle in film industry



**Mumbai 12 June:** Film actor Aamir Khan, known for his versatility and perfectionism, recently revealed how insecure he was about his height at the start of his career. Khan's new film, 'Sitare Zameen Par', is set for its release, and in its trailer Aamir is called "Tingru" by his onscreen mother. During the promotion of the film, the actor sat down for an interview with 'Just Too Filmy', where the interviewer asked him about his reaction on being called "Tingru". Replying to this, Aamir revealed that he was actually insecure about his height, and wasn't sure if he stood a chance in films. Aamir, who is 5'5", also compared himself with Amitabh Bachchan. "At the beginning of my career, I was very afraid. Amitji was number one, and he was over six feet tall. Vinodji and Shatrughan Sinha, all were very tall. So I was nervous, thinking 'chhoti height ke actor ki daal galegi ki nahin (whether an actor with a short height would survive). I was really concerned. But as it turned out, it was fine," he says. 'Sitare Zameen Par' features a basketball coach who trains neuro-divergent adults. Also starring Genelia D'Souza, the film is set to hit the cinemas on June 20.

**Heartbroken, shocked and speechless: Bollywood celebs on Gujarat plane crash**

**Mumbai 12 June:** Actors Akshay Kumar, Sunny Deol and Riteish Deshmukh on Thursday expressed shock and offered prayers for the safety and wellbeing of all those aboard the Air India plane that crashed near a locality close to Ahmedabad airport. Air India flight AI 171 from Ahmedabad to London, Gatwick, was involved in a crash shortly after take-off, outside the airport. There were 242 passengers on board the plane. "Shocked and speechless at the Air India crash. Only prayers at this time," Akshay posted on social media platform X. Sunny said he is devastated by the news of the plane crash in Ahmedabad. "Praying with all my heart for survivors—may they be found and receive the care they need. May those who lost their lives rest in peace, and may their families find strength in this unimaginable time," he wrote. Riteish said he was "heartbroken and in shock after hearing about the tragic plane crash". "My heart goes out to all the passengers, their families, and everyone affected on the ground."

A Pen, A Dream, A Revolution - ZEE5 announces the World Digital Premiere of heartfelt Marathi blockbuster 'Ata Thambaycha Naay!'

**Mumbai 12 June:** What if the city's most overlooked hands picked up a pen to rewrite their destiny? This June, ZEE5 — A Hyper-Personalized, Language-First Content Platform with language plans designed around India's major languages including Marathi—presents Ata Thambaycha Naay! A poignant tribute to Mumbai's sanitation workers, this heartwarming drama shines a light on the unseen heroes who keep the city running yet remain in the shadows. With ZEE5's commitment to regional storytelling, Ata Thambaycha Naay! arrives as both a powerful film and a celebration of Marathi bhasha on an app that truly speaks your language. Directed by debutant Shivraj Waichal and featuring a stellar ensemble including Bharat Jadhav, Siddhartha Jadhav, and the acclaimed actor-filmmaker Ashutosh Gowariker, Ata Thambaycha Naay! is inspired by real events and brims with emotional honesty and hope. Following its theatrical release, it became a cultural phenomenon — earning rave reviews, smashing box office records, and boasting an impressive IMDb rating of 8.8. Now, after its sensational big-screen success, the much-awaited digital premiere arrives exclusively on ZEE5 on 28th June.

The film follows a group of Class IV BMC employees who, with the unexpected encouragement of a reformist municipal officer, dare to return to school. What begins as a tentative step towards literacy soon becomes a life-altering journey filled with hurdles — societal prejudice, self-doubt, and the weight of age. But through it all, they discover something far more powerful than just knowledge—they find dignity. At the heart of the story is Tukaram (played by Bharat Jadhav), a middle-aged sanitation worker who has spent his life cleaning the city's streets — invisible, unheard, and often disrespected. When a newly appointed officer (Ashutosh Gowariker) sparks the idea of completing their education, Tukaram and his colleagues must confront everything they were told they couldn't be. Ata Thambaycha Naay! is not just a film about education — it's about reclaiming one's identity, breaking cycles of silence, and the quiet courage it takes to start over. It's a story of ordinary people doing something extraordinary: learning to believe in themselves. Director Shivraj Waichal said, "From the very beginning, I knew Ata Thambaycha Naay! was more than just a film — it was an emotion, a tribute, and a story that deserved to be told with sincerity, humour, and heart. As my directorial debut, this project held a deeply personal significance. Bringing that vision to life required more than just passion; it needed a team that believed in the story as much as I did. The team's trust and energy made this journey truly unforgettable. The love we received in theatres was beyond anything I imagined, and now, I'm excited for audiences across the country to experience it on ZEE5. I hope it moves them, makes them smile, perhaps sheds a tear — and maybe even inspires someone, somewhere, to pick up a pen and start a new chapter." Actor-Filmmaker Ashutosh Gowariker said, "The moment I read the script of Ata Thambaycha Naay!, I knew I had to be a part of it—it spoke to me instantly. It's not often that a role offers the opportunity to be both subtle and deeply impactful. What drew me in even more was the soul of the story — a heartfelt tribute to Mumbai's sanitation workers, the city's unsung heroes.

**'It's going to be tricky...': Diljit Dosanjh teases future collaboration with Shakira at Billboard Summit**

**Toronto 12 June:** After turning heads at the Met Gala 2025 with his rooted-yet-revolutionary appearance, singer and actor Diljit Dosanjh was recently seen sharing space with music royalty once again, this time not on a red carpet, but on an international stage that celebrates the future of music. On June 11, 2025, Diljit was invited as a special speaker at NXNE in Toronto's TIFF Lightbox, marking the launch of the Billboard Summit in Canada. In what is being touted as a first for an Indian artist, the 'Born to Shine' hitmaker sat down for a conversation with Panos A Panay, President of the Recording Academy, the organisation behind the Grammy Awards. A snippet shared by Diljit's team on their official Instagram handle. Panos, referring to Diljit's now-iconic Met Gala car moment with Shakira and Nicole Scherzinger, asked, "You know, you've collaborated with Sia. This morning I was watching your video with Ed Sheeran. Rumour has it that you carpoiled with Shakira. I'm curious how you see these collaborations from an artistic point of view too." To this, Diljit replied, "Hips don't lie, sir..." making the crowd applaud, adding, "She invited me on her tour and suggested I do an Indian version of 'Hips Don't Lie'. It's going to be tricky, but I'm sure I'll find it." Diljit's team also shared a video of him speaking about his connection with his Indian roots and representing them globally. "Like for me, being a part of Punjabi culture, I feel blessed, first of all, and I'm very thankful to my mother tongue, who chose me to spread his fragrance to this, on the global stage. Every culture has a different fragrance, like from here, it's a different culture, and it's very beautiful, I think. Every culture has a different fragrance. I think for, my saying is, for new artists, carry your culture. If you want to stand out in front of this world, use that fragrance," he said. Earlier this year, Diljit left fans speechless with his Met Gala debut. Representing his Sikh identity with pride, he walked the steps of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in traditional Indian attire, a turban, kurta, and tehat, all designed by Indian fashion designer Prabal Gurung. The look won hearts for its elegance, culture, and symbolism.



## Revolutionary directives of Revenue Department should be implemented at district level immediately: Bawakankule

**Amravati 12 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** The Maharashtra government has announced innovative policies and initiatives in the revenue department, and Revenue Minister and Guardian Minister Chandrashekhar Bawakankule has given a strong message to the district administration that these directives should be implemented quickly in Amravati district. He said that benefits of various schemes and directives should reach farmers, common citizens and businesspersons as soon as possible. Guardian Minister Bawakankule said that under sand policy 2025, the distribution of sand will start

through auctioning method, and 10 percent of sand will be reserved for housing construction purposes. Under 'One State, One Registration' approach, property registration formalities can be carried out at any sub-registrar's office in the state. The revenue department related problems & grievances of citizens will be resolved through Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Maharaaj Samadhan Shivir. Similarly, it has been directed that decisions like irrigation facilities, ease of their registration for farmers through the 'Jiwant Satbara' campaign, mandatory use of M-sand, free police force to



remove encroachments on roads should be implemented at the earliest. It was pointed out that the Tehsildars and Naib Tehsildars should immediately inspect the land of the farmers and remove administrative hurdles. Revised guidelines should be

implemented in order to prevent distribution of bogus birth and death certificates. Under the rules, e-stamp certificate should be obtained from home; stamp duty waiver for educational certificates and the condition of Rs 500 stamp on students should be abolished; free silt, soil, and manure for farms; free sand royalty for construction of houses; extension of the Salokha scheme; permanent resolution of agricultural disputes; a list of important schemes has been prepared such as the State Level Committee for the 'Majhi Jamin, Majha Hakk' campaign.

The Guardian Minister

urged that all these directives should be implemented at the district level in a swift and transparent manner, so that citizens get uninterrupted benefits and number of complaints reduce. Administrative efficiency in the revenue department increases.

The district administration should promptly accept the demand letter and chalk out plans for implementing concrete steps in this concern. It is expected that implementation of these directive will give impetus to the activities of the revenue department and pave the way for development at the local level.

## Farmers protest by showing black flags to Guardian Minister

**NER / NAGPUR POST:** Farmers protested vigorously at Ashoknagar Chowk in Ner today during the visit of Guardian Minister Sanjay Rathod, demanding farmer loan waiver. "Farmer loan waiver must happen", "Why is the government ignoring Bachhubhau's hunger strike?" The protesters expressed their protest by raising slogans. During this peaceful demonstration, the police immediately reached the spot and detained many activists including Prahar Janshakti Party's Taluka President Gaurav Naikar, Divyang Prahar's District Chief Sandeep Kolhe, Ajay Godbole, Pankaj Khanjode, Yogesh Ade. "Agriculture and farmers are the backbone of India's economy and we are holding this peaceful protest for their welfare. Bachhubhau has been on a hunger strike for five consecutive days. The Guardian Minister of Amravati and Chief Minister are not visiting the protest even though they are within calling distance.



This shows how incompetent this government is, said Gaurav Naikar, Taluka Pramukh Prahar.

## Yet another lactating mother dies in Melghat

**Patient dies due to health officials' negligence, 12 Day-old infant girl orphaned**

**Churani/Achalpur 12 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A pregnant woman, Ravina Keshav Jamkar, (aged 27 years, resident of Nagapur, Taluka Chikhaldara), died at the Women's Hospital in Achalpur. The family of the deceased woman has alleged that the death occurred due to the serious negligence of health department authorities. Due to this incident, her 12-day-old girl has become an orphan. There is an atmosphere of panic prevailing in the area due to this incident. They have directly accused the hospital administration and demanded action against the culprits. Ravina Jamkar had a safe delivery eleven days ago. However, her condition deteriorated for the last 5 days or so and treatment was started by the local health officials. On June 10, as her condition was very critical, she was immediately shifted to the Women and Children's Hospital in Achalpur. However, she died within half an hour of commencement of treatment. The exact cause of her death is yet to be ascertained. Doctors say that the reason will be clear after the contents of the post mortem report are revealed. However, this death has again raised questions about the lacklustre implementation of maternal mortality prevention measures by the health department and civic administration in Melghat. There are still obstacles in ensuring that benefits of state of the art healthcare facilities reach up to the most remote areas of Melghat. Lack of necessary medical care during the prenatal and postnatal periods, lack of timely treatment, inadequate facilities,

and lack of awareness are some of the reasons which are causing the issue. Due to these factors, such unfortunate incidents are taking place every year. While the investigation into the previous incidents of infant and maternal deaths in Dharani and Salona areas has not been completed as yet, the death of Ravina Jamkar has once again exposed the ineffectiveness of the local healthcare system. There is a wave of anger among local citizens who are demanding a thorough investigation into the incident and action against the culprits. Also people have opined that the mere announcement of schemes to prevent maternal mortality in the region are insufficient. Social activists believe that there is a need to focus on effective implementation of measures rather than superficial announcements.

**Kin refuse to accept victim's body**  
After the death of Ravina Jamkar, while the process of handing over her body to her kin from Achalpur Sub District Hospital was underway, the mother of the deceased woman, Shantibai Harishchandra Kasdekar, (Wazzar resident), categorically refused to take possession of the body. She said that until strict action is taken against the guilty health workers concerned, I will not accept her body.

**The CHO of Gaurkheda Bazar was informed that the condition of a lactating mother from Nagapur was**



indeed very critical. After that, the CHO immediately reached her house, as her condition was critical, so he immediately called the ambulance driver and got her admitted, but it was learned that she had died during treatment.

**Dr. Payal Bazar, Medical Officer, Gaurkheda Bazar**

The victim was admitted for treatment in a critical condition. It was reported that the woman's condition had been critical for about 5 days or so. The woman had a fever of over 108 degrees fahrenheit.

She died while undergoing treatment. An autopsy will be performed on her body. After that, we can come to a conclusion as far as the exact cause of her death is concerned.

**Dr. Vijay Sirsamkar, Medical Superintendent, Women and Childrens' Hospital.**

It has come to light that the victim has died due to alleged negligence.

The role of any concerned official or employee responsible for this death should be investigated and strict action should be taken.

We have demanded that the district health authorities take action against the culprits responsible so that such a thing does not recur again in Melghat.

**Kewalram Kale, MLA Melghat legislative assembly constituency.**

## Avinash Lambat re-elected as BJP Taluka President

**MAREGAON/NAGPUR POST:** Avinash Lambat has been re-elected as the Taluka President of the Bharatiya Janata Party. This election was conducted on June 9 by the District President of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Adv. Praful Chauhan, by giving an appointment letter. Avinash Lambat was working as the Taluka President for two years.

During that period, he kept in touch with the people, increased the organization, understood the problems of the people, found solutions to those problems and kept all the office bearers and workers together, which is the acknowledgement of this re-election.



The re-election of Avinash Lambat as the Taluka President once again has created enthusiasm among the leaders, workers, office bearers and workers of the Bharatiya Janata Party and they congratulated Avinash Lambat.

## Review meet on Kharif Season crop loan distribution held at Umarkhed

**Umarkhed 12 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A review meeting on crop loan distribution for the 2025-26 Kharif season was held on Monday, June 10, at the Sub-Divisional Office, Umarkhed.

The meeting was chaired by Umarkhed MLA Kisan Wankhede. Attendees included Sub-Divisional Officer Sakharan Mule, Tehsildar Rajesh Suradkar, Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies O.M. Pahurkar, and branch managers from 8 branches of the Yavatmal District Central Co-operative Bank (YDCCB), 9 nationalised banks, 1 branch of Vidarbha Konkarn Gramin Bank, and 1 private bank.

MLA Wankhede emphasized the need for timely and effective loan disbursement, instructing all bank officials to ensure that no farmer is deprived of

agricultural credit. He also urged banks to promote allied agricultural activities and small-scale industries by providing low-interest loans to educated unemployed youth. YDCCB, through 8 branches and 52 affiliated societies—including 45 multi-purpose and 7 tribal co-operative societies—disbursed loans worth Rs 45.78 crore to 6,276 members.

Meanwhile, nationalised banks, Vidarbha Konkarn Gramin Bank, and a private bank collectively distributed Rs 37.79 crore in loans to 2,288 members. MLA Kisan Wankhede expressed satisfaction with the efforts and instructed bank officials to address any loan-related issues promptly. The meeting was also attended by Assistant Superintendent Sanjay Pimparkhede and various bank managers.

## Massive uprising in support of Bachchu Kadu's hunger strike

**Statewide Chakka Jam agitation tomorrow**



**Amravati 12 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Former MLA Bachchu Kadu's indefinite hunger strike entered its fifth day at Mozari, with no response yet from the state government. The agitation, which began on June 8, is aimed at securing 17 key demands, including complete farmer loan waiver. As Kadu's health continues to deteriorate, public outrage has intensified, triggering statewide protests. On June 12, large crowds gathered at Mozari to express solidarity. Supporters included farmers, differently-abled individuals, and other marginalized groups. In an aggressive show of support, various protests unfolded across Amravati district.

\* **Half-burial protest was carried out near Davargao under the leadership of Vasu Maharaj.**  
\* **Road blockades (Chakka Jam) were organized at Nandgaon Peth and Paratwada road near Chandur Bazar.**  
\* **At Achalpur and Paratwada, farmers climbed atop the Agriculture Market Committee's tower.**  
\* **At Dhamangaon Railway, a total shutdown was observed.**  
\* **Farmers in Warud seized the local Tehsil office to show their backing.**  
\* **At Pimpri Purna, Sagar Sonare, along with**

**his wife Samiksha and their 2-year-old daughter Netra, launched a hunger strike.**  
\* **Women in Chandur Bazar Tehsil submitted a memorandum threatening self-immolation if anything untoward happens to Kadu.**

Despite such widespread unrest, the state government has not taken any concrete steps. Kadu's supporters are growing increasingly frustrated, especially as his health worsens and ministers opt for online discussions instead of visiting the protest site in person.

**Public Anger at Government's Apathy**  
A protest at Achalpur led to the arrest of Ankush Jawajal and others at around 10 a.m. No further action was taken by authorities even after four hours had passed, prompting a sharp backlash and condemnation from the public. Meanwhile, supporters in Mozari held another road blockade at 3 p.m., while Dhamangaon Railway witnessed a complete shutdown. Protesters also staged another demonstration in Mozari, where a growing number of people from across Maharashtra are now gathering.

**Growing Criticism of Congress and Absence of Prominent Leaders**  
While Congress has long positioned itself as a champion of farmers' rights, not a single

Congress leader or office-bearer from Amravati district has visited the protest site or extended support to Bachchu Kadu. This silence has raised serious questions about the party's credibility on its core issues. Adding to the mystery, former MLA Rajkumar Patel, who led the Prahar Janshakti Party's election campaign, has not been seen at the protest site even after five days. His absence is fueling speculation about internal rifts or deliberate disengagement.



**Ministers Avoiding Ground Zero**  
Despite the gravity of the situation, no minister or public representative has physically visited Kadu at Mozari. On the fifth day of the protest, Kadu's health condition worsened, prompting some online discussions with senior state leaders such as RDD Minister Bharat Gogawale and BJP leader Pankaja Munde. However, the lack of on-site presence by government representatives has drawn sharp public criticism, raising concerns about their commitment to farmers' welfare.

**Call for Statewide Chakka Jam on June 14**



Raju Shetti, President of the Swabhimani Shetkari Sanghatana, has announced a statewide road blockade (Chakka Jam) on Saturday, June 14, 2025, to draw the government's attention to Bachchu Kadu's hunger strike and the broader farmers' demands. With the movement gaining traction across Maharashtra, it is expected that the upcoming protest will escalate pressure on the state administration.

Leaders who have visited the agitation venue till now include **MP AMAR KALE, MAJ ROHIT PAWAR, EX MP SAMBHAJI RAJE, EX STATE MINISTER RAVIKANT TUPKAR, KARALE SIR, JARANJE PATIL AND MANY MORE.**

## Krishna Devsarkar and Shripal Ade elected APMC Chairman and Vice-Chairman

**Umarkhed 12 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** In the elections held on June 11 for the Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC), Krishna Devsarkar of the BJP-led Vasant Rao Naik Shetkari Vikas Aghadi was elected as Chairman, while

Shiv Sena's Shripal Ade was elected Vice-Chairman. They won the posts through an 11-7 vote, defeating candidates Pravin Mirashe and Raju Kawane of the Congress-affiliated Shetkari Sahakari Vikas Aghadi. Following the results,

supporters celebrated with drumbeats and the distribution of sweets.

The election process was overseen by Election Officer Kisan Pahurkar and Assistant Election Officer Chetan Rathod. The results reaffirmed the Vasant Rao

Naik Shetkari Vikas Aghadi's stronghold on the APMC.

In attendance at the event were MLA Kisan Wankhede, District Coordinator Nitin Bhutada, former MLAs Prakash Devsarkar and Vijay Khadse, Zilla Parishad Press

President Shivaji Mane, Dr. Vijay Mane, Nitin Maheshwari, Dr. Ankush Devsarkar, former ZP President Ramesh Chavan, Taluka President Vitthal Wanakhede, Mahesh Kaleshwarkar, and other party workers and office

bearers. This election victory is being hailed as another milestone for the BJP in Umarkhed's political landscape, with expectations that farmer-centric initiatives will gain momentum under the new leadership.



## Toddler falls off from moving train in front of mother RPF personnel turn saviours

**Nagpur 12 June:** A moment of carelessness in a train journey nearly proved costly on Monday evening. A toddler travelling in Kurla-Shalimar Express (train 18029) suddenly fell from the moving train in front of his mother. 4 Year-old toddler Saganik Bera suddenly fell off from the moving train. The incident came to light on the Dongargad-Jatkanhar railway line. Her screams stopped the train and a desperate attempt to save his life began. His mother Anandita Bera was going towards Khadakpur with her toddler. While she was climbing onto the upper berth, Saganik suddenly fell from the emergency window. Hearing the woman crying, the passengers immediately pulled the chain and stopped the train. The entire incident was being watched by the alert personnel of the Railway Protection Force Nagpur circle. Head Constable TNS Chauhan and lady constable Jyoti Bala took immediate action and admitted the child and his mother to the hospital



in Dongargad. Later, Assistant Sub-Inspector Arjun Singh and Head Constable SK Mishra shifted the child to Rajnandgaon and later to DKS Hospital in Raipur as his condition was critical. The operation was personally guided by Divisional Security Commissioner Deepchand Arya. He was in constant touch and coordinated the efforts with the administration, medical staff and local RPF teams. Due to the efforts of the doctors, Saganik's condition

has improved and he has now been shifted from the emergency ward to the general ward. All the child's belongings, essential medicines, food and other supplies were also safely delivered to the mother by the Railway Protection Force personnel. Unable to withstand tears in the eyes of a mother, the prompt RPF officials saved the life of an innocent child. "This was not just an accident, it was a fight for survival for a mother—and that

fight was won by the Railway Protection Force." The Railway Protection Force Nagpur Division is appealing to all citizens to avoid getting on and off moving trains and to keep children away from windows. This incident is not only a lesson in terms of wisdom and presence of mind, but also highlights the fact that the Railway Protection Force is not just a security organisation – it can also become your family member in times of emergency.

## Pearl farming becoming increasingly popular in Tirora

First pearl cultivated is that of Ganesh idol, Ever Green Social Association achieves success

**Tirora 12 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Gondia is known as a district of lakes. Along with fishing, the reservoirs are also useful for irrigation of agriculture. Recognising that these reservoirs can also be used for pearl production, Ever Green Social Association Tirora has started pearl farming in freshwater. The initiative has been very successful and happiness is being expressed that a replica of Ganesh has been made from the first pearls. This concept was conveyed to Union Minister Nitin Gadkari during the Advantage Vidarbha Exhibition 2024 held in Nagpur. This kind of farming will increase employment opportunities, and will also contribute greatly to water purification, environmental balance, handicraft production and export-oriented industries. "Pearls come from oysters, but success in turn comes from effort", true to this saying, Ever Green Social

Association in Tirora has achieved unprecedented success in the field of pearl farming. Notably, the first pearl produced by this organisation is in the shape of Ganesh, and it has been produced in pure fresh water. Since this is the first and historic pearl crop in Gondia district, entire Maharashtra is paying attention to this initiative. Gondia district is known as the district of lakes. There are a large number of freshwater lakes, wells and reservoirs available here. Making positive use of this natural wealth, Ever Green Social Association founder Subodh Bais and his colleagues have started research work for the last 6 years. Initially, there were many difficulties, financial constraints, water planning, and problems like selecting the right mussels. However, overcoming all these obstacles, they succeeded in harvesting their first crop in 2025 by combining their training from Sita Santha

with practical training in the pond. The process of creating pearls is called pearl cultivation or pearl farming. It involves artificially placing a nucleus (seed/base) in a specific type of mussel in fresh or salt water, and within a few months, a pearl forms around it. This process is time-consuming and involves a lot of skill. The mussels have to be kept in water continuously, and strict control of temperature, cleanliness, and nutrition is required. Mussels are natural filters of water. They help in water purification and maintain the ecological balance in the aquatic ecosystem. Therefore, pearl farming is emerging not only from an economic point of view, but also as an environmentally friendly agriculture. Moreover, this farming provides direct employment opportunities to local farmers, women's self-help groups, youth, and handicraft producers. Ever Green Social Association, not only focusing



on pearl production, has also undertaken an initiative to produce 350 types of handicrafts from mussels. These include home decor items, jewelry, buttons, gifts, show-pieces. These items are in great demand not only in India but abroad as well, and the organisation intends to create an export-oriented industry in Vidarbha from local production. The next step of the organisation is to create jewelry from designer pearls. The intention is to create attractive lockets, necklaces, bracelets, rings and other items using round, semi-round, and religious shaped pearls. This will provide work and business to local women and youth from home.

## Sadar flyover: Rs 34 crore worth proposal approved

Traffic jam issue would be resolved, Gadkari informs during press conference

**Nagpur 12 June:** Sadar was constructed to solve the traffic problem of Sadar. But the traffic problem has increased manifold. The brunt of which is being borne by the pedestrians. The national highway is jammed. Due to which people going towards Kamthi are not able to understand the way. Traffic jams on the culvert and under the culvert have become a common thing here every day. On this problem, in the press conference held today on the completion of 11 years of Modi government, Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari again admitted that there was a mistake in the design of Sadar flyover. But now a proposal of Rs 34 crore has been made, which has been sent for approval. Soon this mistake will be rectified. Due to which the traffic problem here will be solved.

problem was brought to the attention of the administration by social worker and yoga therapist Dr. Praveen Dabi by making an online request in 2022, then in a press conference, Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari also took cognizance of it and admitted that there was a mistake in the design of this culvert. It will be rectified. But till now no action is being taken on this. Due to which the passersby are facing trouble. After all, when has the administration decided to correct its mistake and solve the problem of traffic jam here. Dr. Pravin Dabi said that a demand has already been made to the administration regarding bringing down the Sadar flyover to LIC Chowk. Most of the traffic going towards Bhopal, Kalmeshwar, Chhindwara currently passes through Sadar flyover, due to which

the traffic problem of Sadar, Cantonment, Mangalwari etc. has not been solved. But due to the wrong design of the flyover, the problem of traffic jam in Sadar has increased. Pravin Dabi said that due to the flyover built from LIC Chowk to Automotive Chowk, buses going towards Jabalpur, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh and vehicles going to Ramtek, Mansar etc. areas got relief from trouble. But due to Sadar flyover, the way to climb Kamthi Road flyover has been blocked. This problem will also be solved by improving it. If Sadar flyover is improved, not only the national highway will open, but the way to climb LIC Chowk flyover will also be open. It will be known that all the buses going to Kamthi Road have to go through Mangalwari Bridge via Sadar.

Similarly, other people also have to travel through this route. Due to which there is a traffic jam situation in Sadar again. Currently, if one has to reach LIC Chowk, then one has to reach LIC Chowk by taking a U-turn from Reserve Bank via Liberty Talkies. After that one can go to Kingsway. If the Sadar flyover is improved, then those coming from Koradi Road and Gitti Khana Chowk via the bridge will directly land at LIC Chowk. Due to which there will be no traffic jam below the metro station. In this way, there will be direct traffic from Reserve Bank Chowk towards Koradi Road or Gitti Khana and on Kamathi Road due to the opening of the National Highway. Even through Sadar flyover, one can go directly to Kingsway Marg. The route to the electricity office and metro station will be

easy. Due to the electricity office and metro station being under the culvert and the road towards Nagpur-Kamptee was closed and diverted towards Sadar. Due to the bus stop at NIT Chowk, there is a traffic jam. The person going to Kamathi does not understand the way and he climbs the Sadar culvert. Even if he goes from below, he does not understand where to turn. After all, on taking a U-turn, the traffic gets stuck on the culvert. MSEB office is at the Kasturchand Park end of Sadar flyover. To go to this office, one has to come from the wrong direction from LIC Chowk. Not only this, to go to the metro station, one has to come from the opposite direction of the road. Which is dangerous for pedestrians.

## Gardener electrocuted while plucking mangoes in Sonegaon



**Nagpur 12 June:** A 41-year-old gardener died after suffering an electric shock while plucking mangoes from a tree in the Sonegaon area on Wednesday afternoon. The deceased has been identified as Ram Vasudev Sathwane, a resident of Madhavnagar, Isasani. According to police, the incident occurred around 2:30 pm when Ram Sathwane had gone to work at a residence in Maharsi Karve Nagar, Sonegaon.

While climbing a tree to pluck mangoes, he accidentally came in contact with an electric wire running nearby. The high-voltage shock caused him to fall from the tree and lose consciousness. He was immediately rushed to AIIMS Nagpur in an unconscious state, where doctors declared him brought dead. Based on a complaint filed by Laxman Sathwane, the Sonegaon police have registered a case of accidental death and initiated further investigation.

## Traffic cops take action on 5026 riders flouting norms



**Nagpur 12 June:** Traffic cops took action against a total of 4085 riders under various sections of the Motor Vehicles Act and collected a total fine of Rs 3.77 lakh from the erring riders. Under the Bombay Liquor Prohibition Act, 4 suspects have been arrested in 4 cases and material worth Rs 11.5 thousand was seized from their possession. The Traffic Department has called upon the citizens to keep all the documents related to the vehicle with them while driving. Citizens and commuters have also been advised to abide by traffic rules, failing which fines and other penal action can be imposed upon them.

## Electricity consumers suffering a lot: Thieves changing electricity meters at will

Suspects ran away soon after being threatening with police complaint, Prof. Dr. Baban Meshram apprises relevant department and administration regarding the issue

**Bhandara 12 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Social worker and activist of the Human Rights Commission, Samata Nagar Phase-II resident Prof. Dr. Baban Meshram, has alleged in a memorandum sent to the concerned department and administration that the meters are being installed in force by replacing the old meters in working condition with smart prepaid recharge meters without any information or prior notice by the company's mercenaries, ignorant and goon-like people appointed by the government under the patronage of electricity distribution company. As per the concerned memorandum, the misuse of installing electricity meters in Bhandara, bypassing the consumer rights of freedom and legal choice related to meter usage as per Electricity Act 2003 Mill Act No. 47(5), is going on openly, and the local people's representatives, concerned departments, government and administration are turning a blind eye to this issue. Especially, when it is the basic duty of the electricity distribution company to protect the rights of the consumers, then from whom should the consumers expect justice? Dr. Meshram has asked this question. The contract workers and self-proclaimed engineers who change the electricity meters do not even have any official identity cards. Nor are they official employees of the electricity distribution company. Since the meters are installed on live electricity transmission lines, who is responsible if there is a risk to life? This raises the question, which has led to confusion among electricity consumers and the public, who is in a state of financial crisis in an atmosphere of despair and fear. Meanwhile, the police personnel, who were allegedly claiming to have



police protection, left as soon as they were called, raising various questions, and the memorandum also said that the police department should also be vigilant. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had assured in the House on July 3, 2024 that smart meters would not be installed for general consumers. But still, private companies are installing smart meters in Bhandara city and elsewhere in Maharashtra. The prepaid smart meter scheme is threatening the jobs of thousands of permanent and contractual employees. At the same time, general electricity consumers will have to suffer a lot due to the prepaid smart meter scheme. In many places in Gujarat, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, prepaid smart meters are being strongly opposed by employees and electricity consumers. However, this matter is worrying as the general public and people's representatives in Bhandara city are pretending to be asleep. Due to huge opposition from the citizens, the government decided not to install smart prepaid meters. Speaking at a programme, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said that these meters will not be installed in the homes of the citizens, but only in

government offices. He also announced this in the legislature. However, 6 tenders of Rs 2.25 crore meters given to 4 companies including Adani have not been canceled yet. These tenders are worth a whopping Rs 27 thousand crore. Notably, MSEDCCL has not received any official orders regarding prepaid meters so far. 6 tenders were floated for installing smart meters in the state. Out of these, Adani has got the largest contract of 1.16 crore meters. 2 tenders of 57 lakh meters have been given to Nagarjuna Construction Company (NCC), 1 tender of 30.30 lakh meters to Monte Carlo Company and 1 tender of 21.76 lakh meters to Genus Company have been finalised. The tenders floated by MSEDCCL company were approved on August 7, 2024, and accordingly, approval letters have also been issued to the concerned suppliers. Adani, Nagarjuna Construction (NCC), Monte Carlo and Genus companies have been awarded 6 contracts for prepaid meters. Of these, only Genus is a meter manufacturer. The work of the companies and the finalised tenders for prepaid electricity meters in the circle is still ongoing, the government should first decide to cancel the tender. The government announced that smart meters will not be installed in citizens' homes. But the contract given for these meters has not been canceled, and the work of the relevant companies is also ongoing. The government should cancel the tenders given to the companies. Even with such demands, who will stop this since the administration is still running amok? This is the concern highlighted by Dr. Baban Meshram. If smart meters are installed in all the houses in the state, will the 3.5 crore meters

currently in use and in stock be scrapped? Where will the cost be recovered from? This question has been raised and the Union Ministry of Power announced a program to install smart meters and prepaid meters across the country under the 'National Smart Grid Mission' scheme in August 2021. The target is to install 22.23 crore meters in the country by the end of March 2025. The administration has said that smart meters will not be installed in the homes of the common man. In such a situation, why do you change the meter, who are you, and when the customer asks and asks to show your identity card, he does not get any expected answer, or does he get it, and when he says to call the police or we will call him, the person who came to the house to change the electricity meter runs away? Overall, looking at the situation, it is beyond comprehension that the Maharashtra State Electricity Board does not have information about the companies' contracts or the contractor who can change the meter is not nearby. The company had advertised on social media that smart meters would prevent electricity theft. However, this would only make billing and electricity consumption measurement accurate. It is not yet clear how this would prevent meter tampering and electricity theft. Therefore, vigilant citizens, through the Maharashtra Electricity Consumers Association, should submit a sample application to the MSEDCCL to protest against the Smart Prepaid Meter Invalidity. Dr. Baban Meshram, a resident of Samatanagar Phase-2, an activist of the Art Hank Human Rights Commission Organisation (Delhi), has submitted a memorandum to the government and administration along with the concerned department regarding this issue.

## 7 Year old boy drowns at Fun and Food Village Water

**Nagpur 12 June:** A family picnic ended in tragedy when a seven-year-old boy accidentally drowned at the Fun and Food Village water park near Bazargaoon on Wednesday, June 11. The incident took place in the jurisdiction of Kondhali Police Station along the Nagpur-Amravati National Highway. The deceased child has been identified as Naitik Amit Deshmukh, a resident of Manish Nagar, Nagpur. He had visited the water park with his father Amit Prakash Deshmukh, uncle Swapnil Prakash Deshmukh, mother, aunt, and elder brother Monit.



According to preliminary information, Naitik slipped while playing in the water park and became unconscious after falling into the water. Realizing that he was unresponsive, his parents rushed him to a private hospital in Wadi. However, doctors declared him brought

into the matter.

## Quota activist Jarange, MP Jankar extend support to Bacchu Kadu

**Akola 12 June:** Maratha reservation activist Manoj Jarange on Wednesday called on Prahar Janshakti Party president and former minister Bacchu Kadu at Gurukunj Mozari and extended his support to him. Kadu, who has launched indefinite hunger strike over the pressing demands concerning persons with disabilities, farmers, agricultural laborers, widows, unemployed youth, shepherds, and fishermen communities since Sunday last, also received support from Mahadeo Jankar and Nilesh Lanke, MP. On the fourth day of the hunger strike, Jarange and Jankar visited the protest site and expressed solidarity with Kadu's

agitation. The agitation has been receiving overwhelming support from various political parties and social organisations. Prahar Janshakti Party activists have launched agitation at various places in Amravati district to express solidarity with Kadu's agitation. Addressing media, Jarange said, "The highest number of farmer suicides are occurring in Vidarbha and Marathwada and farmers are in deep crisis. Kadu has put his life at stake for their cause. From my own experience with hunger strikes, I know it is not an easy path. The fact that he has used the term 'final journey' is extremely serious. I urge him to take care of his health."

Change Of Name
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MY OLD NAME WAS MAHESHKUMAR CHUNNILAL KARIYA. NOW MY NEW NAME IS MAHESH CHUNNILAL KARIYA. ADD : 586/4, OPP NIT PLAY GROUND, JALARAM NAGAR NAGPUR. MY OLD PASSPORT NO 44321990
MY OLD NAME WAS RAJNISHKUMAR SUSHILDHAR TIWARI. NOW MY NEW NAME IS RAJNISH SUSHILDHAR TIWARI. ADD : PLOT NO. 17, MANEWADA RING ROAD, NEAR SOUTH POINT SCHOOL YOGESHWARI NAGAR NAGPUR
MY OLD NAME WAS MUSTUFA ZAHID SAIFE. NOW MY NEW NAME IS MUSTAFA ZAHID SAIFE. ADD : WARD NO.06, DHARNI, POST - DHARNI, AMRAVATI - 444702
MY OLD NAME WAS AFNAAN IQBAL. NOW MY NEW NAME IS AFNAN IQBAL. ADD : NEAR SAGEER HOTEL, WARIS PURA KAMPTEE 441002



## Skyline soars, but is Nagpur’s Fire

## Department ready for high-rise emergencies?

**Nagpur 12 June:** As Nagpur’s skyline transforms rapidly with a wave of urban development, high-rise buildings are becoming a dominant feature of the city’s growth. The increasing number of skyscrapers reflects a rising preference among citizens for vertical living. However, this vertical expansion has also raised a critical question: Is the city’s emergency response system—especially the Fire and Emergency Services Department—equipped to handle crises in these towering structures? According to Nagpur Municipal Corporation’s (NMC) Fire and Emergency Department, efforts are underway to modernize and prepare for potential emergencies in high-rise buildings. The department, which is primarily responsible for firefighting and rescue operations, acknowledges that evolving urban architecture demands upgraded tools and training. Recent data reveals that Nagpur now has over 411 buildings taller than 24 metres, with many more under

construction. In fact, a 117-metre building — the tallest in the city to date — was recently approved, signalling Nagpur’s march towards a Mumbai-style skyline. With the rapid rise of these structures, the concern is whether the city’s firefighting capabilities are growing in tandem. Acknowledging the gap, the fire department is augmenting its fleet with advanced equipment. Notably, it has already inducted a 40-metre hydraulic platform, and is awaiting delivery of a 70-metre hydraulic aerial platform — expected to arrive next month. These platforms are crucial not only for dousing fires at extreme heights but also for rescuing trapped residents during emergencies. To strengthen its preparedness, the department is also investing in manpower training specifically for high-rise operations. Firefighters are being trained to conduct complex vertical rescues, while awareness and safety drills are being conducted for residents of these tall buildings. The city’s building boom is governed by the Unified Development Control



and Promotion Regulations (UDCPR) 2020, which mandate stringent fire safety compliance for buildings taller than 24 metres or those built on plots exceeding 5,035 square feet. As more such buildings come up under these regulations, the emphasis on proactive safety measures becomes even more crucial. Officials say it’s not just about equipping the fire department, but also about creating awareness among citizens living in high-rises. From fire drills to evacuation protocols, the aim is to ensure both the infrastructure and the people are ready to face any emergency.

In a city that is reaching for the skies, disaster preparedness can no longer remain grounded.

## Nagpur police announces auction of 228 unclaimed vehicles, citizens asked to verify claims within 7 days

**Nagpur 12 June:** The Traffic Department under Nagpur City Police Commissionerate has prepared a zone-wise list of a total of 228 unclaimed vehicles that have remained unattended for a long time. These vehicles have been shifted to the dumping yard and are now set to be disposed of through a public auction. The list of these unclaimed vehicles has been uploaded on the official website of the Nagpur Police and can be accessed at <https://nagpurpolice.gov.in/PressRelease> under the title “Unclaimed Vehicle for auction date 12.06.2025”. Citizens are requested to visit the website and verify the list to check if their vehicle is included. In case of any dispute or claim regarding a listed vehicle, the rightful owner must contact the respective traffic zone office or reach out to the traffic department within seven days of the notice. Failure to respond within the stipulated period will result



in the vehicle being disposed of via auction as per government regulations. **Contact Address:** Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Nagpur City, Near Swagat Lawn, Civil Lines, Nagpur. **Contact Number:** 9822931416 The police have urged all vehicle owners to take immediate action to avoid permanent loss of their property.

## Nagpur gasping for breath: City’s air turns toxic amidst rapid urban growth

**Nagpur 12 June:** As bulldozers and cranes shape Nagpur’s skyline with new roads, flyovers, and high-rises, a silent crisis is unfolding in the air above. The price of Nagpur’s fast-paced development is being paid in the form of rising pollution levels — a threat now impossible to ignore. According to a recent analysis, the city recorded unhealthy air quality on 69 out of 89 days between February and April 2025, with PM10 concentrations consistently breaching the national safe limit. This prolonged exposure to high particulate levels is posing a grave risk to public health, triggering respiratory ailments and other chronic conditions across age groups. A recent study by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA) has revealed that Nagpur recorded the second worst air quality after Malegaon in March and April 2025. Based on data from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the analysis highlights an alarming rise in the city’s PM10 levels — coarse particulate matter that severely impacts respiratory health. Between February and April this year, Nagpur’s air quality breached the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for PM10 (set at 100 µg/m³) on 69 out of 89 monitored days. The average PM10 levels stood at 119 µg/m³ in February, 122



µg/m³ in March, and 113 µg/m³ in April — all well above the safe limit. What’s worse, the PM10 concentrations in April 2025 surpassed levels recorded during the same month in 2024 and 2023, indicating a worsening trend. Experts point to rampant construction activity and ever-growing vehicular traffic as the primary contributors to this rising dust pollution. “Nagpur, despite being listed under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), has yet to identify its key pollution sources,” said Manoj Kumar, an analyst at CREA. “Without scientific identification of emission sources, any mitigation efforts may fall short of achieving real impact. It’s imperative the city expedites this process.” The CREA report also found that Nagpur’s PM2.5 levels — the finer and more harmful particulate matter — stood at 52 µg/m³ in April 2025, tying with Jalna for second place in

the state, behind only Malegaon. This summer data, experts warn, is a red flag ahead of the winter season, when pollution levels typically worsen. Voicing concerns, Leena Budhe, Director of the Centre for Sustainable Development (CFSD) and member of the Nagpur City Hub, stressed the role of civic collaboration. “We’re already working on solid waste management and curbing waste burning. But open burning and mismanaged waste remain major challenges. We urge local authorities to work closely with us to develop a unified action plan,” she said. The call for clean air is growing louder, as health concerns mount and environmental indicators nagpur’s path to progress must now include a serious commitment to environmental sustainability — before the air becomes unbreathable.

## Stand-Up Show by Yashwardhan Choudhary on June 27

**Nagpur 12 June:** Popular stand-up comedian from Nagpur, Yashwardhan Choudhary, will be performing his comedy special ‘C#nts and Roses’ at Bouffage Comedy Club, Nagpur, on Friday, 27 June 2025, at 8:00 PM. The show, which will be presented in English and Hindi, takes a bold and humorous look at modern-day relationships. It touches on topics like love, breakups, ego clashes, and emotional drama, with Choudhary’s trademark honesty and sharp wit. The performance will run for around 1 hour and 30 minutes and is suitable for audiences aged 16 years and above. Known for his raw and relatable content, Choudhary uses humour to highlight the ups and downs of being in and out of love. The show is expected to connect well with young adults and those who enjoy observational comedy with a touch of realism. Tickets are available on Bookmyshow.com

## Healthcare on wheels: 2 Lakh Nagpurians to get free treatment through mobile medical units

**Nagpur 12 June:** In a significant step towards accessible healthcare, a new mobile health initiative has been launched for citizens in Nagpur’s neglected urban pockets under the guidance of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. As part of a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), two Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) have been deployed through a collaborative effort involving Aarav India Limited, Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC), and the Piramal Swasthya Management and Research Institute (PSMRI). This public-private partnership is being implemented under Sanofi’s Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program. The initiative aims to offer free primary healthcare services to nearly 2 lakh residents aged 30 and above. These mobile units are specifically focused on the early detection and treatment of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes, hypertension, and oral cancer. Patients diagnosed with these conditions will either be



treated on-site or referred to hospitals for advanced care. The MMUs will operate across several underprivileged localities including Azad Colony, Bada Tajbagh, Chhota Tajbagh Bidipeth, Binaki, Dhanteshwari Nagar, Dharampeth, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, Ekta Nagar, Gittikhadan, Gopal Nagar, Jaitala, Jayanti Nagar, Mahatma Phule Chowk, Nandanvan, and Pachpaoli, among others. In addition to medical services, the initiative also focuses on health education, lifestyle improvement, and addiction counselling — ensuring a holistic approach to community well-being. A large part of society is not able

to avail benefit of healthcare because of several reasons. Such people remain unnoticed and become victims of several diseases for want of proper treatment. Considering this, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has taken the good initiative. “In line with the State Government’s vision of ‘Health for All’, this initiative will provide comprehensive and accessible health services, and effective implementation of these services has been possible only with the cooperation of Nagpur Municipal Corporation. In future, more intensive cooperation will be done with the State Government to expand this initiative,” said an official.

## Chinchbhuvan hit & run: BMW owner flees Nagpur with family, victim succumbs to injuries

**Nagpur 12 June:** In a major development in the Chinchbhuvan hit-and-run case, the owner of the BMW involved in the accident, identified as Avantikumar Kothari, has fled Nagpur along with his family. Belarodi Police have launched an intensive search to trace his whereabouts, a media house reported. The fatal incident occurred around 3 am on Saturday near Chinchbhuvan Square, when a speeding BMW (registration number HP-89/A-1592) rammed into a two-wheeler, critically injuring both riders — Yogesh Tulsiram Bopche (29), a resident of Jagdish Nagar, Gittikhadan, and his relative Bhojendra Khobragade (55) from Balaghat. The duo was rushed to AIIMS Hospital, where Yogesh succumbed to his injuries on Sunday evening. According to police sources, the BMW was registered in Himachal Pradesh and was previously owned by a Mumbai-based car dealer, Shahrukh Tahir Khan, before being sold to Kothari, a resident of Darodkar Chowk, Central Avenue, Nagpur. Kothari is reportedly involved in the automobile business. Investigators reached Kothari’s residence but found it locked. The family has been



untraceable for the past three to four days. During inspection of the abandoned BMW — which the driver deserted after one of its tyres burst post-accident — police recovered a mobile phone believed to belong to the driver. Efforts are underway to track the mobile numbers of Kothari and his family members. Yogesh, who was killed in the accident, worked as a daily-wage labourer and was the sole breadwinner of his family. He is survived by his wife and two young sons — Chirag (5), a Class 1 student, and infant Kiyan, just five months old. The bereaved family is demanding justice and strict action against the accused driver. Police are continuing their investigation and are likely to issue a lookout notice against Kothari if he is not located soon.

## Khaparkheda Power Plant under fire for restarting fly ash disposal in Nandgaon

**Nagpur 12 June:** The village of Nandgaon in Nagpur district is once again at the centre of environmental concerns after the Khaparkheda Thermal Power Station allegedly resumed dumping fly ash slurry into a previously closed ash pond. Locals and environmentalists are warning that the move could trigger a serious ecological and health disaster. Despite earlier orders from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) in 2022 to halt dumping activities at the site, residents claim the power plant has restarted operations without proper public consultation or environmental safeguards. The return of fly ash disposal has

raised fears of water contamination, crop damage, and long-term health risks. Villagers say fly ash has already rendered large portions of farmland infertile, forcing many to abandon agriculture. Several families have reported damage to wells and borewells due to seepage of ash-laden slurry into groundwater.

“We are losing our land, our health, and our future,” said a resident of Nandgaon. Environmental experts have echoed the villagers’ concerns. They are demanding immediate cessation of fly ash disposal, proper containment infrastructure, and restoration of damaged agricultural lands and water sources.

## Nagpur water crisis: No supply for 5 days in Besa, Manewada & Manish Nagar

**Nagpur 12 June:** Parts of South Nagpur, including Besa, Manewada, and Manish Nagar, are facing a severe water crisis, with residents struggling with no water supply for the past five days. The crisis has disrupted daily life, forcing people to rely on private tankers and borewells. According to local reports, the disruption was caused by multiple issues, including a major leak in the newly installed Amrut feeder line and frequent power cuts at water pumping stations in Hudkeshwar and Besa. These technical faults have halted the supply of drinking water, leaving thousands of households in distress. Local resident associations have raised concerns over the lack of action from Orange City Water (OCW)



and the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC), demanding immediate resolution. “We are forced to buy tanker water every day. There is no accountability,” said a resident from Manish Nagar. Authorities have confirmed that maintenance teams have been deployed to repair the pipeline damage and address power supply issues. Meanwhile, the NMC has requested

## Auto rickshaw crashes into ST bus in Sadar, no injuries reported

**Nagpur 12 June:** A speeding auto-rickshaw collided with a Maharashtra State Road Transport (ST) bus near the Sadar bus stop in Nagpur on Monday afternoon, sparking concern among commuters and local authorities. According to eyewitnesses, the ST bus had halted to pick up passengers when the auto-rickshaw, travelling at high speed, failed to slow down and crashed into the rear of the bus. The impact left the front of the auto badly damaged, with its windshield shattered and wheel bent. Fortunately, no injuries were reported in the incident. The auto driver escaped unhurt, and passengers on the bus were safe. However, the accident led to a brief disruption of traffic in the area, which is known for being busy and congested during peak hours. The local police have confirmed that they are reviewing CCTV footage from nearby cameras to determine the cause of the crash and whether traffic rules were violated. So far,



no official complaint has been filed. The incident has once again highlighted the pressing need for stricter enforcement of speed limits and better traffic management, especially near crowded public transport stops. Authorities have urged all drivers to maintain caution and follow traffic regulations to avoid such accidents.

## NMC set to hold elections under 4 member ward system

**Nagpur 12 June:** After more than three years of administrative rule, the Maharashtra government has taken a key step towards restoring elected governance in Nagpur by initiating the process for Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) elections. The state Urban Development Department has authorised the NMC Commissioner to begin ward delimitation under the four-member ‘Prabhag’ system. This decision follows the Supreme Court’s directive to conduct pending local body elections within four months, pushing the state to act promptly. The four-member ward structure, used in the 2017 elections, will now be reinstated, allowing each ward to elect four representatives. In some instances, wards may have three or five representatives, depending on population figures from the 2011 Census. The ward delimitation will consider population balance, community representation, reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, as well as geographical continuity. Tools like Google Earth will assist in mapping and ensuring transparency. The draft maps will be made available for public objections and suggestions before finalisation by the State Election Commission. Alongside the NMC elections, polls are also scheduled for 14 municipal councils and eight nagar panchayats across the Nagpur district. This move is expected to bring back democratic functioning in local bodies, empowering citizens after years of bureaucratic oversight. Political analysts view this development as a crucial moment for major parties like the BJP and Congress, both of which are expected to begin groundwork for campaigning under the reintroduced ward system.



**Nagpur 12 June:** Ahead of the upcoming academic session, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has undertaken beautification work at five of its schools. As part of the initiative, vibrant and attractive murals have been painted on school walls to foster a cheerful and welcoming environment for students. The effort aims to create a positive atmosphere that enhances the overall learning experience. Sadhna Sayam, Education Officer of NMC under the guidance of Dr Abhijeet Chaudhari, Municipal Commissioner and Adminstrator, NMC, and Vaishnavi B, Additional Municipal Commissioner, have emphasised providing quality education in NMC schools. The beautification of schools is performed under ‘The Happy School Project’, aided by the CSR fund of Western Coalfield Ltd (WCL). Jichkar Foundation performed the beautification of schools. The five beautified schools include Ekamata Nagar NMC Primary School, Jaitala; Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar NMC High School and Junior College, Untkhana; Azad Nagar Urdu Primary School, Azad Nagar; Priyadarshini Upper Primary School, Futala; and Ram Manohar Lohiya High School, Telephone Exchange Square.

## Cash worth Rs 2.31 lakh stolen from Pride Bar and Chanakya Bar in Hudkeshwar



**Nagpur 12 June:** Unidentified miscreants broke into two bars — Pride Bar & Restaurant and Chanakya Bar & Restaurant — and decamped with Rs 2.31 lakh in cash during the early hours of June 10 in Hudkeshwar area. According to police, the complainant, Jaychand Jagannath Gaydhane (46), resident of Flat No. 26, Sai Nivas, Chandrabhaga Nagar, Hudkeshwar, had locked up and left Pride Bar & Restaurant, located near his residence, at around midnight. Between 12:01 am and 7 am, an unknown thief lifted the front shutter of the bar and entered the premises. The accused stole Rs 1.5 lakh in cash from the bar counter. The same thief then targeted Chanakya Bar & Restaurant located a short distance away and stole Rs 81,600 by similarly prying open the shutter. Based on Gaydhane’s complaint, Hudkeshwar Police have registered a case under Sections 305(A) and 331(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita against unknown accused. Hudkeshwar Police are investigating the matter further.



Congress will emerge victorious in upcoming NMC polls: Patole

**Nagpur 12 June:** Former Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) President Nana Patole has expressed confidence in the Congress party's victory in the upcoming Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) elections. Speaking to reporters in Nagpur on Wednesday, Patole asserted, "The people of Nagpur have already made up their minds to elect Congress. We are confident of winning the forthcoming municipal polls."

Commenting on the protest led by Amravati MLA Bachchu Kadu, Patole criticized the State Government, saying, "This government has no regard for human life." On the allegations against Shiv Sena (Shinde faction) leader



Sanjay Rathod, Patole remarked that the BJP continues to shield corrupt individuals merely to stay in power.

Buzz returns to NMCHQ as former corporators, hopefuls seek poll roadmap

Meanwhile, after months of political silence, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation's (NMC) election office at Civil Lines has sprung back to life. Former Corporators, party representatives, and aspiring

candidates have begun thronging the premises, eager to get their hands on the latest Urban Development Department (UDD) directive instructing the civic body to kickstart the ward formation process. The sudden surge in activity marks the first visible signs of momentum building up for the much-anticipated municipal polls. Among the early visitors on Tuesday were former Mayor Kishore Dorle and former Congress Corporators Manoj Sangole, Sakshi Raut and Vivek Nikose, husband of former Corporator Sneha Nikose, signalling an early start to poll preparations. On Tuesday, the State Government had issued an order empowering the municipal commissioner to begin the ward formation

process based on the 2011 census. This comes in the backdrop of the Supreme Court's May 6 directive, mandating completion of local body polls within four months across the state. NMC has been functioning under an administrator since March 2022 following expiry of the tenure of the last general body comprising 151 corporators from 38 wards — 37 with four elected representatives and one with three. The BJP then held a majority with 108 seats, followed by Congress (29), BSP (10), Shiv Sena (2), NCP (1), and one independent. Five members were nominated. Former corporators expressed optimism about their prospects in the upcoming elections.

No funds diverted from other departments for Ladki Bahin scheme: Bawankule

**Nagpur 12 June:** Maharashtra Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule on Wednesday rubbished claims that the state government diverted funds from other departments for the Ladki Bahin scheme, asserting that the Devendra Fadnavis-led dispensation was committed to safeguarding the vulnerable sections of society. In the recent past, state Social Justice Minister Sanjay Shirat accused the Ajit Pawar-led Finance Department of high-handedness in what he termed as illegal diversion of funds from his department without his knowledge. Acknowledging that the state was facing financial constraints due to the women-centric welfare scheme launched last year ahead of the assembly polls, the Shiv Sena minister had said the state government should better "shut" the Social Justice Department instead of periodic diversion of the allocated funds. Under the Mukhyamantri Mahi Ladki Bahin Yojana, the Mahayuti government's flagship scheme launched in August 2024, a monthly assistance of Rs 1,500 is given to eligible women in the state. The scheme's estimated annual outlay is more than Rs 40,000 crore. Responding to a question related to Shirat's allegations, Bawankule, who is also the state chief of the ruling BJP, said, "There is a legal provision which ensures that funds earmarked for departments like Social Justice and Tribal Development, cannot be diverted for any other purpose."



government has no power to override those provisions. At times, there could be delays in disbursement of funds, but that should not be misconstrued as diversion," he added.

He asserted that the Fadnavis government was committed to safeguarding the budgetary allocations made for the vulnerable sections of society. "This administration will never interfere with or misappropriate funds allocated to the Social Justice and Tribal Development departments," he said. Shirat had claimed on May 2 that funds of more than Rs 413 crore were reallocated from the Social Justice Department to finance the Ladki Bahin scheme. He also alleged that an additional Rs 335 crore had been diverted from the Tribal Development Department in a similar way. Claiming that these reallocations were done unilaterally and in violation of constitutional safeguards, he had also said that if the government does not need the Social Justice Department, it might as well dissolve it entirely rather than continuing to undermine its financial

capacity. Days later, he again said such diversions would cripple operations of his department and erode public trust in the welfare programmes meant for underprivileged groups. The issue brought to the fore the internal friction within the Mahayuti alliance, comprising the BJP, Eknath Shinde-led

Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar NCP. Responding to the accusations, Ajit Pawar had earlier downplayed the matter and suggested that such disagreements should have been addressed within cabinet meetings rather than in public. CM Fadnavis had also clarified that no funds were diverted from other departments for the Ladki Bahin scheme, and said those who do not understand the budget were making unsubstantiated claims. "The charges (of fund diversion for the Ladki Bahin Yojana) are wrong."

Only those who don't understand the budget can make such a charge. Rules say funds should be reserved for SCs/STs. Maximum funds should be reserved for personal benefit schemes and some for infrastructure development," the CM said in the last week of May. "Ladki Bahin Yojana falls under the category of giving personal benefit to beneficiaries. So, if you give money to this scheme, then as per budgetary rules, it has to be shown under the Tribal Affairs Department and the Social Justice Department," he said.

Battle for NMC poll begins: 8-member panel formed to redraw ward boundaries

**Nagpur 12 June:** With the state government's green signal for a four-member prabhag system, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has kickstarted preparations for the 2025 civic elections by forming an eight-member panel, headed by the Municipal Commissioner, to redraw ward boundaries. The committee includes two Deputy Commissioners along with experts from the Town Planning and IT departments and will work under strict confidentiality. The panel's recommendations will be sent to the State Election Commission via the Urban Development Department. A similar exercise was undertaken in 2022 under the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government, which proposed a three-member prabhag system, raising the number of corporators from 151 to 156. However, the process was halted amid legal hurdles and political uncertainty. The new directive mandates the formation of 38 prabhags —

37 with four corporators each and one with three — while retaining the total number of elected corporators at 151. With five nominated members, the overall strength of the civic body will remain 156. This move aligns closely with the 2017 delimitation plan, which had to be shelved following the Mahayuti government's rise to power in 2022 and the ongoing issues surrounding OBC reservations. As per the Urban Development Department's instructions, the delimitation will be based on the 2011 census population of 24 lakh. Although the city's geographical area has remained static at 227.28 sq km since 2017, voter participation has increased significantly — from 19.86 lakh in 2012 to 22.33 lakh in the 2022 draft roll. Data from NMC's electoral records show stability in the



Scheduled Caste (SC) voter base at 4.8 lakh since 2017, while Scheduled Tribe (ST) voters grew from 1.48 lakh to 1.88 lakh. The number of polling booths surged from 3,079 in 2012 to 4,560 in 2017, with no further increase expected this time. Notably, female voter registration also saw a marked rise, from 9.63 lakh in 2012 to over 11.07 lakh in the 2022 draft roll. Political analysts view the renewed delimitation process as a calculated strategy by the ruling alliance to bolster its electoral prospects. With boundary realignments and reservation shifts on the horizon, the 2025 NMC elections are expected to be closely contested.

Trio caught with deadly weapon in Innova car by Kalamna police



**Nagpur 12 June:** Acting on a tip-off, the Kalamna Police apprehended three men with a deadly weapon inside a golden Innova car (MH-31-CP-8020) near NIT Quarterns, Chikhli area on Wednesday, June 11, around 4:40 PM. The suspects — identified as Shahbaz Isak Pathan (20), Alfaz Khan Gani Khan (19), and Shamsher Sheikh Sattar Sheikh (29), all residents of Adivasi Prakash Nagar, Lane No. 15, Kalamna — were found in possession of a steel sword worth ₹1,000 during a search of the vehicle. The total seizure, including the car, is valued at approximately ₹8.01 lakh. Police suspect that the accused were planning to commit a cognizable offence.

An offence has been registered at Kalamna Police Station under Section 4/25 of the Indian Arms Act, Section 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act, and Section 3(5) of the BNS. All three have been apprehended, and further investigation is ongoing.

SJSWC empowering rural talent through enhanced access to higher education

**YAVATMAL / NAGPUR** POST: Among the prominent institutions dedicated to social upliftment through education in rural Maharashtra, Savitri Jyotirao Social Work College (SJSWC), Yavatmal has once again made its mark on the national stage. Known for nurturing socially conscious professionals from marginalized communities, the college has successfully guided ten students to secure admission in prestigious universities across the country — all with 100% scholarships.

This outstanding achievement stands as a testament to SJSWC's holistic approach to student development, where academic excellence is interwoven with values of equity, social justice, and empowerment. A total of 10 students, many of them first-generation learners from economically disadvantaged and rural

backgrounds, have been selected for postgraduate programs at leading Indian institutions such as Azim Premji University, Bhopal (Shivam Pravin Khare and Prithviraj Chavan — M.A. Education in Social Studies; Kalyani Raut and Karuna Premanand Gedam — M.A. Education in Early Childhood Education); Azim Premji University, Bengaluru (Sanchit Archana Dhanraj Mhaikar — M.A. in Development); Mohit Santosh Dhole — M.A. Education in Social Studies); Mahindra University, Hyderabad (Vaishnavi Jadhav and Aarti Sharad Phale — M.A. in Education); and Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR (Rameez Shaikh and Pooja Pawar — ISDM). These selections reflect a strong commitment not only to academic rigor but also to the students' readiness for leadership in the field of social development.

The success of these students is the outcome of a



multi-layered support system which includes dedicated mentorship, an academically enabling environment, support despite financial constraints, strategic guidance provided by the Eklavya India Foundation, and access to competitive opportunities beyond the region. Each of these students has gone through rigorous national-level selection processes and has demonstrated exceptional aptitude and intent to contribute meaningfully to society. This milestone not only enhances the reputation of Savitri Jyotirao Social Work College but also

sets a powerful precedent for what rural education can achieve. It is a matter of immense pride that the institution continues to foster a generation of socially responsible professionals prepared to engage with the challenges of development, justice, and inclusion. The college stands tall as a beacon of hope and progress, reaffirming that quality education, when combined with purpose and support, can transform lives and communities. These success stories will undoubtedly inspire many more rural students to dream bigger and aim higher.

Gondia Rail Over Rail track gets green light for operations

**Gondia 12 June:** The Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety has approved the newly-built Rail Over Rail (ROR) line at Gondia in eastern Maharashtra and train services are expected to start on the track this week, an official said. The ROR track will allow Jabalpur-bound trains to head toward Ballarshah without crossing the busy main line at Gondia. The South East Central Railway (SECR) conducted a successful trial run on the ROR on Tuesday. Thirteen km of the ROR and 24 km of an electrified third line between Gudma-Gondia-Gangajhari have been completed, the official said. The inspection of the new lines was carried out on June 4 and 5 by Janak



Kumar Garg, chief commissioner of railway safety.

'Forests to be protected', CM Fadnavis says development in Gadchiroli to continue

**Mumbai/Gadchiroli 12 June:** Amid the Maharashtra government's ambitious plan to develop Gadchiroli as the next steel city of India, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has assured that forests will be protected and only essential tree cutting will be undertaken with rigorous environmental regulation while carrying out the mining development. In his post on X, CM Fadnavis said, "There has been considerable discussion and concern regarding the Surajgad iron ore project in Gadchiroli. It is important to clarify the facts and address the misinformation currently being circulated in the media. No permission has been granted for simultaneous and uncontrolled tree cutting related to this project.



The approach being followed is phased, responsible, and environmentally conscious. Only essential tree cutting will be undertaken, subject to rigorous environmental regulation and oversight. The widely circulated claim that '1 lakh trees will be cut' is baseless, exaggerated, and misleading. "To ensure

ecological balance, Lloyd company will plant 11 lakh trees as part of their obligations. The State Government is committed to planting 1 crore trees in Gadchiroli to strengthen the region's green cover. Eco-restoration and compensatory afforestation will be carried out locally, and the entire cost will be borne by the Lloyd company. The Central Government has granted in-principle approval for using 937.077 hectares of forest land for scientific exploration and systematic mineral recovery — to be carried out strictly in 3 phases. Each phase will move forward only upon successful implementation

and review of the previous one," said the Chief Minister. He said that the phased execution plan has been firming up, comprising Phase 1: 500 hectares (300 hectares for infrastructure, 200 hectares for tailing yard), Phase 2: 200 hectares - only after satisfactory completion of Phase 1 and Phase 3: 237 hectares - subject to final review and clearance. "Tree cutting will be allowed only where absolutely unavoidable, with strict adherence to the principle of minimum deforestation. This project aims to bring development, employment, and infrastructure to one of Maharashtra's most aspirational districts, without compromising ecological integrity. Forest conservation and local growth will go hand in hand," he added. He further stated that clarity and transparency must lead the way, "no confusion or misinformation". CM Fadnavis during Gadchiroli visit last week said, "The district is on top priority list on development agenda and I have directed all government departments to give priority and carry out development works. I have consciously taken up the post of Guardian Minister here so that the issues of Gadchiroli should come directly to me. I have taken note of all the issues raised by the people's representatives and others, and the policy decisions that need to be taken will be taken accordingly."

Enhanced vigilance at railway stations to ensure passenger safety

**Nagpur 12 June:** In a proactive step to enhance passenger safety and security, Central Railway has formed a joint team comprising the Deputy Station Superintendent (Dy. SS), Railway Protection Force (RPF), and Ticket Checking (TC) staff. This coordinated initiative has been implemented across key stations in the Nagpur Division to ensure that railway premises remain safe, orderly, and free from unauthorized activities. The team undertakes regular inspections on platforms, in waiting halls, and other passenger areas to verify the presence of bona fide travelers and deter unsocial elements.

These inspections are carried out at frequent intervals throughout the day and night to maintain a high level of vigilance. During these inspections, if any irregularities or violations are detected — such as the presence of unauthorized persons, ticketless travel, or suspicious behavior — swift and appropriate action is taken in accordance with railway rules and security protocols. This includes the removal of unauthorized individuals, imposing penalties for ticketless travel, and coordinating with local authorities if required. The initiative has significantly contributed to a safer travel environment, and passengers have



appreciated the visible presence and prompt response of railway staff. Central Railway reiterates its commitment to ensuring a secure and pleasant journey for all travelers and urges passengers to cooperate with railway officials during inspections and report any suspicious activities. Passengers may contact railway authorities for assistance or to report concerns via the 24x7 Railway Helpline Number 139.

Govt Polytechnic students land record Rs 12.72 lakh package from Voltas

**Nagpur 12 June:** In an unprecedented achievement, three students from Government Polytechnic, Nagpur, have secured international placements with an annual package of Rs 12.72 lakh each from Voltas Ltd, marking a significant milestone in diploma-level education placements. Notably, among the selected candidates is a female student, and all three are pursuing a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering. The roles are for technician positions based overseas, likely in Dubai. On average,

diploma students from polytechnic institutes earn around Rs 3 lakh per year. Describing the placement as a "historic moment", Dr. Vinod Mohitkar, Director of the Directorate of Technical Education (DTE), Maharashtra, stated, "This sets a new benchmark for diploma institutions. It highlights how skill-based and industry-aligned education can open doors to lucrative global careers — even for students from rural backgrounds." Traditionally, diploma holders receive an average starting package of around ₹3

lakh per annum, Mohitkar noted, making this placement nearly four times higher than the norm. Government Polytechnic, Nagpur, has consistently demonstrated strong placement records and has become a hub for recruiters in the region. The institute also extends its placement drives to neighboring polytechnics, offering wider access to job opportunities. Dr. Rajendra Mogare, Principal of Government Polytechnic, credited the success to the institute's robust Training and Placement Office (TPO).