

SNIPPETS

Ravi Shankar slams Rahul for remark on ceasefire

Patna, June 14 (UNI) Former Union Minister and senior BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad on Saturday slammed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his remark on ceasefire of operation Sindoor, saying he has no understanding of foreign policy. Prasad told media persons here after his return from European countries to make them aware about stand of India on terrorism and sinister design of Pakistan to patronize it, told media persons that as leader of parliamentary delegation, he had visited Italy, France, Britain, Denmark, Belgium and other countries to brief their leaders on the issue. It was an exercise carried out on the directive of Prime Minister Narendra Modi so that entire world could know the stand of India on terrorism and mischief being created by our neighbouring country Pakistan and also why operation Sindoor was launched after Pahalgam terror attack, he added. BJP leader, to a query of media persons on remark of Rahul Gandhi targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his silence despite US President Donald Trump claiming to have mediated for ceasefire of operation Sindoor, said he had no understanding of foreign policy. No BJP leader had ever embarrassed the Government of India on issue when country was engaged in military operation with Pakistan or any other country, he added.

J&K begins reopening of tourist spots and parks shut after Pahalgam attack

Srinagar, June 14 (UNI) J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has announced reopening of several tourist destinations and parks that were shut in the wake of Pahalgam terror attack from Tuesday. The Jammu and Kashmir government had shut down around 50 tourist destinations and trekking trails in Kashmir on April 30, citing security reasons after the terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam that left 26 people dead. The decision to close these destinations was taken for the "safety of the tourists" after the Pahalgam attack. LG Sinha said the reopening of other tourist destinations would be done in a phased manner. "I've ordered reopening of some of the tourist spots in Kashmir & Jammu Divisions, which were temporarily closed as precautionary measures. Betab valley & Parks in Pahalgam Market, Verinag Garden, Kokernag Garden and Achabal Garden to be reopened from 17th June," office of LG said in a post on X. He said other tourist destinations being reopened includes Badamwari Park, Duck Park, Taqdeer Park in Srinagar, Sarthal, Dhaggan in Kathua, Devi Pindi, Siyad Baba, Sula Park in Reasi, Guldanda & Jai valley in Doda and Pancheri in Udhampur. "Reopening will be in phase-wise manner," he said. The LG said he met the delegation of MLAs, DDC Chairpersons & Vice Chairpersons, tour and travel operators, Ponywala association & hoteliers' associations at Pahalgam.

Deferred AX-4 ISS Mission piloted by Indian astronaut on June 19

Chennai, June 14 (UNI) The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Saturday said the deferred Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) piloted by decorated Indian astronaut Subhanshu Shukla, will now be launched on June 19 after the technical glitch due to LOX leakage was successfully rectified. In an update, ISRO said during a follow-on coordination meeting between ISRO, Axiom Space, and SpaceX, it was confirmed that the liquid oxygen leak observed in the Falcon 9 launch vehicle has been successfully resolved. Separately, Axiom Space informed that they are working closely with NASA to assess the pressure anomaly in the Zvezda Service Module onboard the International Space Station. Axiom Space is now targeting June 19, 2025 for the launch of the Ax-04 mission. Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh in a post on X, which was shared by ISRO wrote "Launch date of the Axiom-4 mission carrying Indian astronaut Subhanshu Shukla to the International Space Station is, as of now, rescheduled for June 19, 2025." Also, SpaceX team has confirmed that all the issues, that led to earlier postponement of the launch, have been duly addressed", he said. "Further update, if any, will be accordingly shared. #ISRO", the Minister said.

CRPF Jawan killed in IED blast triggered by Maoists

Bhubaneswar, June 14 (UNI) In a tragic incident, a CRPF jawan of the 134th Battalion was killed in an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast during a combing operation near a stone quarry under K. Balang police station in the Maoist-affected Sundargarh district of Odisha on Saturday. According to security sources, the IED—suspected to have been planted by Maoists—exploded while CRPF personnel were conducting a combing operation inside the forest. The jawan, identified as Satyaban Singh from Uttar Pradesh, sustained critical injuries in the explosion. He was immediately shifted to the hospital but succumbed to his injuries during treatment. Security forces had intensified operations in the region after armed Maoists looted around five tonnes of explosive materials from the Banko stone quarry last month. During an intensive search operation, the forces recovered approximately four tonnes of the stolen explosives. Sources said the IED blast occurred while the search operation was still underway to trace the remaining stolen explosives.

NIA opposes bail relaxation for PDP's Waheed Para

Srinagar, June 14 (UNI) The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has strongly opposed a plea filed by MLA and PDP leader Waheed Para seeking relaxation of his bail conditions. In a detailed objection submitted to the Special NIA Court in Jammu, the anti-terror agency said Para's plea is not maintainable and needs to be dismissed as "intention of the applicant/accused is to flee from the clutches of law." PDP's Para is leader of the Legislature Party in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly. Para had been jailed for around 19 months under sections of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act in 2020 and was released on bail by the J&K High Court in 2021.

Govt forms high-level panel to probe Air India plane crash

New Delhi, June 14 (UNI) The government has constituted a high-level committee to probe the London-bound Air India Boeing crash near Ahmedabad airport on June 12. The 11-member committee is being headed by Union Home Secretary, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu said during a press conference on Saturday. "To further investigate the incident and to look into all the theories and other information that are going around this incident, we felt it would be much better to have another committee also overlooking into this



crash and also the safety," Naidu said. The Minister said the committee will be headed by the Union Home Secretary and will consist of experts from various sectors and officials not less than Joint Secretary level. The panel will

include secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation; additional secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs; representatives from the Gujarat government and State Disaster Response Authority; Ahmedabad police commissioner; DG

(inspection and safety), Indian Air Force; DGs of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and DG Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA); Special Director from the Intelligence Bureau and Director, Directorate of Forensic Sciences Services. "We have constituted the committee and have also circulated the order," the Minister informed. Naidu emphasised that the committee has been given three months to complete its investigation, interact with stakeholders, and consult additional experts if required. "We want this investigation to be

holistic, transparent, and timely," he said. Giving the details about the incident, Naidu said that after the news of the crash, he rushed to the site immediately, in coordination with the Government of Gujarat and the Centre. "The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) was mobilised within hours," he added. The AAIB team, comprising five members including the Director General, began the probe on day one. Two additional experts — a forensic specialist and a medical expert — joined the investigation yesterday.

India dissociates from SCO statement condemning Israel over Iran attacks

New Delhi, June 14 (UNI) India today dissociated from the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) statement on the Iran-Israel conflict, saying New Delhi has already articulated its position, and that it did not participate in the discussions on the SCO statement. Notably, India's response came after the SCO statement today expressed "serious concern over the escalating tensions in the Middle East and strongly condemned the military strikes carried out by Israel on the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran on June 13, 2025." India, in its statement today, said that its position on the matter has been articulated on June 13, and remains the same.

Pawar launches city traffic app

Pune, June 14 (UNI) Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and guardian minister of Pune district Ajit Pawar on Saturday launched an app developed by the Pune city Police Commissionerate for a real time two-way communication between the citizens on the move and the traffic police to get immediate information about the traffic situation to prevent snarls and enhance ease of driving. The PTP TRAFFIC COP APP has been developed based on the concept of Police Commissioner Amitesh Kumar. Additional Commissioner of Police of Eastern Regional Division of Pune city Manoj Patil presented information about this app through a video. The inaugural event was organized at Vidhan Bhavan which was attended by divisional commissioner Dr Chandrakant Pulkundwar, police commissioner Amitesh Kumar, his counterpart in Pimpri Chinchwad Vinay

Kumar Choubey, special inspector general of police of Kolhapur range Sunil Phulari, Pune Municipal Corporation commissioner Navalkishore Ram, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation Commissioner Shekhar Singh and others. Among the many urban problems in Pune, the city people mainly face traffic jams and accidents caused by it. Pollution caused by traffic has become yet another big problem. One of the main reasons is the lack of effective action against drivers who violate traffic rules. In this app, citizens can upload photos of drivers who commit serious traffic violations such as parking vehicles on sidewalks, driving on the footpaths, violating heavy vehicle restrictions, using mobile phones while driving, driving a triple seat vehicle, using black films, using fancy number plates and driving in the opposite direction from no entry passages.

DyCM Pawar orders to complete necessary facilities for Warkaris during the Palkhi

Pune, June 14 (UNI) Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar on Saturday reviewed preparations of Shri Kshetra Dehu and Shri Kshetra Alandi ahead of the Palkhi (palanquin) ceremony at Vidhan Bhavan in Mumbai. Speaking at the meeting, he gave directions that during the Ashadhi Palkhi ceremony, care should be taken to ensure that the Warkaris (devotees) do not face any kind of trouble, provide necessary facilities at the palkhi base, the place of stay and the entire palkhi route. He assured that the government will provide necessary funds for the ceremony. Pawar said that due to the possibility of heavy rains, necessary arrangements should be made for rest at lodging places. Since excavation is going on in



roadblock on the old Tukaram Maharaj Palkhi road leading to Baramati at Undawadi Kade pathar should be removed, potholes on the road should be filled and all these works should be completed quickly, he added.

Three dead, one seriously injured as dumper truck crushes them in Mumbai

Mumbai, June 14 (UNI) In a major accident in the Govandi Shivaji Nagar area of suburban Mumbai, three youngsters were killed while one person was seriously injured after being run over by a dumper truck on Saturday evening, officials said. According to reports, the three youths died on the spot, while one person sustained serious injuries and is currently undergoing treatment at a nearby hospital. Following the accident, a large crowd of angry citizens surrounded the police at the scene. In



response to the incident, the public blocked the Ghatkopar-Mankhurd Link Road, leading to a heavy traffic jam on both sides. Mumbai police traffic website confirmed the slow movement of traffic due to the accident. Further details are awaited.

Gill, Prasidh lead India's measured Test build-up

London, June 14 (UNI) In a blend of experience, intensity and calm, India's red-ball squad kicked off its preparations for the Test season with clarity of purpose and a relaxed yet focused mindset. As skipper Shubman Gill and fast bowler Prasidh Krishna spoke about the group during their ongoing warm-up fixture, the tone was one of measured intensity and self-awareness, knowing exactly when to switch on. Prasidh, reflecting on the mood in the camp, struck the most inspiring chord when he said: "I think all of us are experienced enough to know when it's time to focus and when to relax. That awareness is what keeps us sharp and ready." As players gathered after weeks of playing in different formats and teams, Krishna noted the value of match exposure and the challenge of adjusting to red-ball rhythms. "It's really important for all of us to get this game time. Some guys are coming off the A match, so just getting time on your feet is key. That's what today has been about as well," he

said. He praised the playing conditions and competitive spirit within the group. "It's a nice, hard pitch and the bowlers have been in the game throughout. We've seen some really good spells, and it's great to see people showing character. When you're competing against your own teammates, it lifts everyone's level." On the camaraderie and dressing room atmosphere, Prasidh added, "We're all coming together after a while. A lot of us have shared cricket and memories before, so we're keeping things light. You can't be locked in all the time, especially when you're not in the middle. So, we're making sure to enjoy the company of fun people, but stay ready to switch on when needed." Captain Gill, speaking earlier, echoed the emphasis on team clarity and discipline. "Let's maintain our intensity," he told the squad. "When we're building as a group, let's make sure we focus on the key areas — whether it's as a bowling unit or batting unit." Both voices underscored the



message that India's red-ball ambitions will be shaped not just by skills, but by mindset — one that values preparation, embraces competition, and knows how to stay grounded amid the grind.

PM to attend G7 Summit in Canada on June 16-17, also visit Cyprus, Croatia

New Delhi, June 14 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi will leave here on Sunday on a four-day three-nation visit to Cyprus, Canada and Croatia, primarily to attend the 51st G-7 Summit at Kananaskis in Canada on June 16-17. This will be Prime Minister Modi's sixth consecutive participation in the G-7 Summit. On the first leg of his tour, the Prime Minister will pay an official visit to Cyprus on June 15-16 at the invitation of the President of Cyprus, Nikos Christodoulides. This will be the first visit of an Indian Prime Minister to Cyprus in over two decades. While in Nicosia, the Prime Minister will hold talks with President Christodoulides and address business leaders in Limassol. "The visit will reaffirm the shared commitment of the two countries to deepen bilateral ties and strengthen India's engagement with the Mediterranean region and the European Union," the External Affairs Ministry

announced here. On the second leg of his visit, at the invitation of Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, Modi will travel to Kananaskis on June 16-17 to participate in the G-7 Summit. At the summit, the Prime Minister will exchange views with leaders of G-7 countries, other invited outreach countries and heads of international organisations on crucial global issues, including energy security, technology and innovation, particularly the AI-energy nexus and Quantum-related issues, the External Affairs Ministry said. Prime Minister Modi will also hold several bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the summit. On the final leg of his tour, Modi will undertake an official visit to Croatia on June 18 at the invitation of his Croatian counterpart Andrej Plenkovic. This will be the first ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Croatia marking an important milestone in the bilateral relationship.

AGITATION CALLED OFF....



Former Minister Bachchu Kadu's agitation was called off after a visit by state ministers and submission of written assurances from the state government, regarding efforts being taken to fulfill the highlighted demands. (Detailed report on page 6)

Navy Chief reviews defence products of Solar Industries, other firms

Nagpur 14 June: Indian Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, accompanied by Chairman of Solar Industries India Limited, Satyanarayan Nuwal, reviewed the manufacturing processes of various defence products at the firm's headquarters in Nagpur. Speaking to a news agency, the Navy Chief lauded the products and progress made by Solar Industries India Ltd. He added that there needs to be synergy between the public and private sectors, as the latter is new in defence production. "It's really eye-opening to see what progress has been made by Solar (Solar Group) in the last 14-15 years. As far as the synergy between the public and private sectors in the defence ecosystem is concerned, it is a must because some public sector companies have been working in this field for many decades, and private companies are relatively new. So there is a need for them to talk to each other, learn from each other," Admiral Tripathi said. Chairman of Solar Industries India Ltd, Satyanarayan Nuwal, said that they showed the Navy Chief their drones and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS). They also showed the navy officials their Counter-Unmanned Aerial System, Bhargavastra. Satyanarayan Nuwal said, "Today, we mainly showed our facility with drones and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS). We showed the composite manufacturing unit of UAS.



We also showed Bhargavastra (Counter- Unmanned Aerial System) to them... This counter-drone system is a significant thing... Considering present situations, we learned that the biggest need is for long-range missiles. We have already presented a proposal in this regard... The visit of Navy Chief assumes importance as the armed forces are eyeing production of long-range missiles and even drones and counter-drone systems. The visit was significant in the backdrop of Operation Sindoor, said sources. It also followed a visit by Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO) Chairman, Samir Kamat, to the defence manufacturing establishments at Nagpur, a fortnight ago. Tripathi, who reached Nagpur on Wednesday, first inspected the BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL) unit in the city. This was followed by a visit to Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL), which makes ammunition and UAVs, and then JSR Dynamics on

Thursday.

An air bomb-making unit, the latter is promoted by the former Vice-Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF), Air Marshal (Retd) Shirish Deo. BAPL, which is a joint venture between India and Russia, has a key unit at Nagpur apart from Hyderabad. The propulsion systems of BrahMos missiles are supplied by SDAL, which is also making the Pinaka rockets for the armed forces, apart from Nagastra loitering munition and other types of ammunition. Nagastra was used in Operation Sindoor. It was learnt the naval chief wanted to inspect the manufacturing facilities in the country, especially for making long-range missiles that can be fired beyond 400 km. Several variants for drones and even anti-drone mechanisms are being considered, said sources.

JSR Dynamics, which is the youngest among the three entities visited by Admiral Tripathi, is into development of air-launched glide weapons, miniature ground launch decoys, loitering munitions, long-range guided munitions, and rocket launch systems of different types. Nagpur has emerged as a hub of ammunition manufacturing.

Apart from defence PSUs carved out of ordnance factories, which have seen a major increase in its order book, even private sector industries have checked in to make high-calibre ammunition.

Bappa Morya!' As Ganeshotsav nears, Nagpur's artisans shaping Lord Ganesh in clay, colour

Nagpur 14 June: The rhythmic tapping of clay tools, the fragrance of wet earth, and the soft chants of Ganpati Bappa Morya — these are the sounds and scents now wafting through the narrow lanes of Chitar Oli, Nagpur's traditional idol-making hub. With Ganesh Chaturthi set to begin on August 27, hundreds of artisans have quietly begun their months-long labour of love: Shaping Lord Ganesh in clay and colour. The preparation for the 10-day festival is no less than a spiritual ritual for the city's idol makers. Despite scorching heat with temperatures soaring past 42°C, and the rising cost of raw materials, work continues relentlessly. The idols may look divine when adorned and worshipped in public pandals and homes — but behind them lies long hours, sunburnt skin, and unwavering devotion. In Chitar Oli and nearby areas like Lalganj, Kalamna, Kumbharpura, Jagnade Square, and Budhwari Road, over 500 idol makers — many of whom come from families that have practiced this craft for generations — are now immersed in their creative pursuits. The narrow, shaded bylanes have transformed into open-air studios, where Ganesh takes form in various sizes, poses, and themes. At present, artisans are focusing on idols ranging from 2 to 4 feet, which are in high demand from both domestic buyers and smaller public mandals. "By next month, we'll start making larger idols — some as tall as 12 feet," says a second-generation sculptor in Chitar Oli. "The larger idols require more time, planning, and protection from monsoon showers, so we set up huge tents or work inside sheds once the rains arrive." What started as a local art form has now gained popularity across Vidarbha and beyond. According to several artisans, orders are pouring in not just from Nagpur, but also from Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and rural pockets of Maharashtra. The eco-conscious are especially seeking out clay idols, traditionally made from the locally sourced Shadu mitti. However, this surge in demand brings its own set of challenges.

The POP dilemma and rising costs

While Plaster of Paris (POP) idols are faster to produce and cheaper, they are increasingly being criticized for their environmental impact. Still, the market for POP idols thrives — and that affects the earnings of clay idol makers. "One clay idol



takes several days, sometimes weeks to make. A POP idol of the same size can be ready in two days," explains a senior artisan from Kumbharpura. "But clay idols are sustainable. They dissolve faster in water and are safer for the environment." Additionally, the rising costs of materials — including clay, paint, bamboo, and labour — have pushed up prices this year. "Even though raw material costs have gone up, we can't increase prices drastically, or we'll lose customers," says another artisan, who runs a small workshop in Kalamna. "Still, bookings have started and we expect the pace to pick up by mid-July." The intense summer heat has slowed down progress. Many artisans report fatigue, dehydration, and sunburn as they labor outdoors. "We're trying to finish the basic framework early so we can focus on painting and detailing during the rains, when it's cooler," shares a young sculptor working under a plastic canopy in Budhwari. During monsoon, many idol-makers shift operations under makeshift tents or temporary pandals, continuing work late into the night under tube lights and handheld fans. It's a test of resilience — but one they face every year with the same reverence.

A festival fuelled by faith and art

As Ganeshotsav draws near, the idol-making neighbourhoods of Nagpur throb with life, colour, and a sense of sacred purpose.

For the artisans of Chitar Oli and its surrounding localities, this isn't just seasonal work — it's an offering of love to the remover of obstacles, the harbinger of prosperity, and the beloved deity of millions. With each curve of the trunk, tilt of the head, and placement of the modak, Lord Ganesh is born anew — not just in clay, but in the spirit of the city.

Coaching centre caught promoting dummy schools, Brochure exposes names of affiliated institutions

Nagpur 14 June: In a major revelation that exposes a disturbing trend in the education system, a city media house has uncovered concrete evidence of Parishram Academy, located in Khamla, Nagpur, openly promoting dummy school admissions. The coaching institute was found distributing brochures that list tie-ups with several reputed schools, allegedly offering students a way to bypass regular school attendance while focusing solely on private coaching.

Coaching Institute Offers Dummy Admissions on Record

During a ground investigation, the Nagpur Today team visited Parishram Academy posing as prospective parents. The staff confidently offered admissions through dummy schools, stating that formal enrollment in regular schools would be managed on paper, while students could focus entirely on coaching classes. When asked about admission to a school like DPS MHAN, the staff responded by recommending a dummy school instead, citing affordability and schedule flexibility.

Their explanation was clear: "You will have to go for a dummy school because our tuition and coaching timings won't allow

students to attend regular school." Brochure Lists Reputed Schools as Dummy Partners

The most alarming discovery was a printed brochure given by the academy, which includes a list of schools that the institute claims to have tie-ups with for dummy admissions. The brochure explicitly mentions the names of several well-known schools. The brochure also includes fee structures and reassurances that there is no need to attend regular classes, as long as the student is registered.

Are These Schools Aware Their Names Are Being Used?

This raises a critical question: Are these schools even aware that their names are being used by coaching institutes like Parishram Academy for dummy admissions? If they are aware, this indicates possible collusion and serious violations of CBSE and education department norms. If they are not aware, it is equally concerning that their names and reputations are being misused without consent.

So far, none of the schools listed in the brochure have made any public statements denying or acknowledging their involvement.

The silence from these institutions

must be addressed by authorities without delay.

Violations of CBSE Guidelines and RTE Act

The practice of dummy school admissions is in clear violation of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) regulations, which mandate minimum attendance, internal assessments, and active engagement in school academics. Such dummy arrangements also go against the principles of the Right to Education (RTE) Act, which aims to provide every child with equal access to structured learning. By allowing coaching institutes to bypass schools altogether, this system undermines formal education and contributes to the commercialization of learning.

Education Department Remains Silent

What is equally alarming is the apparent inaction by the Maharashtra State Education Department and the Nagpur District Education Office. Coaching institutes like Parishram Academy are distributing brochures publicly, yet no inspections or crackdowns have been reported.

Are there no regular audits of such institutes? Why has no action been

taken so far despite repeated reports of dummy admissions in Nagpur?

These questions demand urgent answers.

*** An immediate inquiry into the operations of Parishram Academy and other similar coaching centres.**

*** A formal investigation into the schools listed in the brochure to verify their participation or clarify misuse of their names.**

*** Action from CBSE and the state board to cancel affiliations or impose penalties on any schools found complicit.**

*** A public statement from each listed school clarifying their stance and involvement.**

A Threat to Real Education

This growing reliance on dummy admissions represents a deeper crisis in India's education system. Students are being pushed out of schools and into year-long coaching programs that ignore overall development, creativity, discipline, and classroom learning. This is not merely a case of administrative oversight. It is a systemic failure that compromises the integrity of formal education and endangers the future of countless students.

Nagpur 14 June:

Advocate Chandrashekhar Sharma was allegedly assaulted by a group of 10–12 individuals in Hudkeshwar on the night of June 10, in what police are now investigating as a premeditated attack. CCTV footage of the incident has surfaced and is playing a key role in the ongoing probe. The sequence of events reportedly began with a noise complaint related to DJ music lodged on June 1. Nine days later, tensions escalated when Akshay Matkar, an associate of local resident Leena Raghorte, allegedly misbehaved with a minor girl from the complainant's family. CCTV footage purportedly shows the incident, and the family sought legal support from Advocate Sharma. According to reports, Sharma contacted police through Emergency Number 112. The police then called both parties to the station to resolve the issue. No FIR was filed at that



time. Later that night, Sharma and the victim's family were allegedly attacked by a group near their residence. Sharma was reportedly dragged into the street and beaten with sticks and stones.

The attackers allegedly took his phone, cash, and spectacles. Another CCTV clip captured the assault, which has since been submitted as evidence. Subsequently, a cross-complaint was filed by Leena Raghorte against Sharma. Based on this

complaint, police registered an FIR against the lawyer. Sharma's complaint was recorded later, after CCTV footage was presented. Preliminary findings indicate that Raghorte may have been running an unrecognized school with over 50 children enrolled. Advocate Sharma has also

submitted audio recordings to the police, alleging attempts of blackmail by Raghorte over the past year. Hudkeshwar Police have registered the case and confirmed that investigations are ongoing. The authorities have not yet commented on the delay in registering Sharma's complaint or the nature of the counter-FIR.

The incident has drawn attention from the legal community and civil society, who are closely monitoring the case's progress.

Poll push: NMC sets record Rs 20.21 crore aside for long-delayed civic elections

Three years without elected body, but budget signals possible 2025 polls

Nagpur 14 June: After over three years of functioning without an elected body, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has made its strongest move yet toward long-delayed civic elections — by allocating a record Rs 20.21 crore for the upcoming 2025-26 civic polls. This marks a 167% jump over the Rs 7.56 crore spent during the 2017 elections and a whopping 242% rise from the Rs 5.90 crore spent in 2012. The latest provision is also a 68.4% increase from the Rs 12 crore that NMC had been routinely reserving in its budgets since 2021-22.

Awaiting SEC nod, but funds ready

Municipal Commissioner and Administrator Abhijeet Chaudhari, who presented a Rs 5,438.61 crore budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year, made



the provision in anticipation of the State Election Commission (SEC) finally announcing the civic poll schedule. Though no formal declaration has been made, the State Government has now ordered ward delimitation, hinting that elections may finally be on the horizon. "This year's provision reflects inflation, enhanced logistics, more polling booths, and technology-driven processes," said a senior official in NMC's election department.

Why the big jump?

- 2012 civic polls: Rs 5.90 crore
- 2017 civic polls: Rs 7.56 crore
- 2025 civic polls (provisioned): Rs 20.21 crore
- Increase over 2017: 167%
- Increase over 2012: 242%

The current allocation represents 0.37% of NMC's total budget, underscoring the administration's preparedness after a prolonged political vacuum.

Four officials for the entire election?

Despite the financial preparedness, the civic election department is severely understaffed — with only four officials currently handling election-related work.

A senior source in the department admitted the shortfall, stating that at least

20 personnel, including computer operators and support staff, are urgently needed. "Manpower will be ramped up in the coming days," the source added, hinting at an internal push to align logistics with the budget.

Civic voices: Good start, but time to act

Local civic activists welcomed the move but cautioned against further delays. "The poll provision is a positive sign, but elections must be held without further postponement.

Democracy demands it," said an activist. For now, while the money is ready and the plans are inching forward, Nagpur's wait for local self-governance continues. Will 2025 finally see elected representatives return to the NMC? All eyes are now on the SEC.

Rudrastra roars: Nagpur's Solar Industries successfully tests hybrid combat drone

Nagpur 14 June: The Nagpur-based Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL), a subsidiary of Solar Industries India Limited, has successfully completed the trial of its indigenously developed hybrid Vertical Take-Off and Landing (VTOL) UAV Rudrastra at the Pokhran Firing Range. The test was carried out as per the Indian Army's specified parameters, demonstrating Rudrastra's capabilities in vertical take-off and landing, precision targeting, and extended endurance. The UAV reportedly achieved a mission radius of over 50 km, maintained a stable real-time video feed, and returned safely to the launch site. The total range, including loitering at the target zone, exceeded 170 km, with an estimated flight endurance of approximately



90 minutes. A key feature of the demonstration was the deployment of a precision-guided anti-personnel warhead.

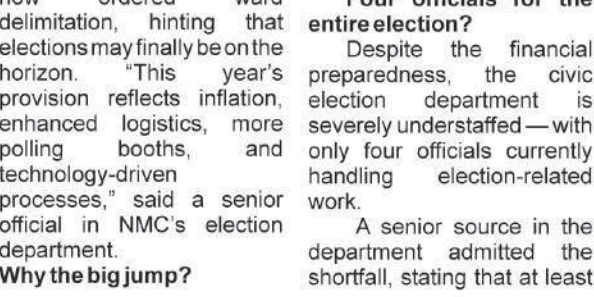
The munition was released from medium altitude and detonated in an airburst at low height, delivering impact over a wide area, according to the report. The trial met the Army's

tactical performance criteria and marked a step forward in India's growing indigenous defence capabilities. Officials suggest that following further evaluations, Rudrastra could be inducted for use in operational sectors by the Indian Army. Solar Industries, which has been actively expanding its

footprint in defence technologies, is also working on multiple drone-based systems. These include variants of loitering munitions, counter-drone solutions, and mine detection and disposal systems. The company has already contributed to recent defence operations. During targeted military actions across the border in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), Indian forces reportedly employed precision-guided systems developed by Solar Industries, including the indigenous Nagastra-1 loitering munition. Rudrastra's successful trial adds momentum to India's efforts under the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative, aiming for greater self-reliance in critical military technologies.

Teen raped, youth arrested in Hingna

Nagpur 14 June: A 22-year-old youth has been arrested by Hingna Police for allegedly forcing himself on a 19-year-old girl known to him. The incident took place between 7:45 pm and 10:00 pm on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. According to the complaint, the victim — a resident of the Hingna area — had travelled from Wardha to Dongargaon around 6:30 pm on June 10. She then called the accused, Hitendra Santil Mandliye, a 22-year-old resident of Bhandara currently staying in Hingna, to drop her home from Hingna bus stand.



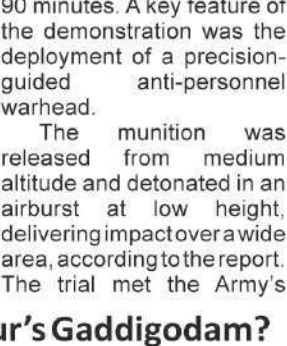
After dropping her home, the accused told her he needed water. When she went to fetch it, Mandliye allegedly dragged her into the bedroom and established physical relations with her forcefully.

Based on the victim's complaint, a case has been registered against the accused under Section 64 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) at Hingna Police Station. Further investigation is underway.

Did heatstroke claim man's life in Nagpur's Gaddigodam?

Nagpur 14 June: An unidentified man, aged approximately 40 to 45 years, was found unconscious near Gaddigodam Chowk in the Sadar area of Nagpur on Thursday night and later declared dead at Mayo Hospital. Police suspect heatstroke as a possible cause of death, given the prevailing high temperatures in the city despite the onset of June. The man was found lying unconscious by the roadside between 8:30 pm and 10:00 pm. Passersby alerted the authorities, and he was immediately shifted to Mayo Hospital. However, doctors declared him dead.

Although the exact cause of death is yet to be confirmed, the extreme heat conditions in Nagpur have raised concerns. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has stated that the monsoon, which usually brings relief by early June, has been delayed and is now expected to resume over Nagpur by June 14. The prolonged exposure to high humidity and heat may have triggered a heat-related illness in the deceased, who remains unidentified. The Sadar Police have registered a case of accidental death based on medical advice, and are conducting further



investigation. Authorities have urged citizens to stay hydrated and avoid direct sun exposure during peak afternoon hours as the region continues to reel under heatwave-like conditions.

Traffic cops take action on 6132 riders flouting norms

Nagpur 14 June:

Traffic cops took action against a total of 6132 riders under various sections of the Motor Vehicles Act and collected a total fine of Rs 3.84 lakh from the erring riders. Under the Bombay Liquor Prohibition Act, 8 suspects have been arrested in 8 cases and material worth Rs 85 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.

Bawankule meets protesting Bachchu Kadu, Congress backs his agitation

Amravati 14 June: Guardian minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule on Friday met ex-MLA Bachchu Kadu at Amravati and urged him to end his indefinite fast, which has continued for six days now. On Friday, the Congress also threw its weight behind Kadu's ongoing agitation for farmers, just a day after NCP (Sharad) MLA Rohit Pawar drove down to the Amravati protest site where Kadu is on indefinite fast. Earlier this week, Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange, and ex-minister Anil Deshmukh too met Kadu. Bawankule's visit to Kadu is seen as an important development as the monsoon session of the legislature is scheduled from June 30. Congress state president Harshwardhan Sapkal said, "Congress has decided to back Kadu's ongoing agitation, which addresses various farmers' issues. The concerns raised by Kadu are real."



Farmers are facing a severe crisis, with no fair prices for their produce, a high rate of farmer suicides in the state,

and unfulfilled election promises of loan waivers by the ruling government. As a result, farmers, already in distress, are completely hopeless and disheartened. In such a situation, there is a need for everyone to stand in solidarity with the farmers. "Earlier on Friday, high drama unfolded at the protest site, when a member of Kadu's Prahar Janshakti Party consumed poison, and was rushed to the hospital by the medical team present on site. The activist, identified as Ajay Bhagwatrao Chaudhary, has been admitted to a pri-

vate hospital at Warud Chaudhary, like many other Prahar activists, had turned restless on Friday citing 'government's apathy' towards Kadu's Annatyag Andolan, now into its sixth day, at Gurukunj Mozari (about 30km from Amravati city). Kadu's agitation raises issues related to farmers, divyangs, widows, fishermen etc. Before Bawankule's visit too the govt has tried to persuade Kadu to withdraw the agitation.

Ministers Bharat Gogawale, Pankaja Munde and Jaykumar Gore held online meetings with Kadu, who expressed his resolve to continue the agitation as no concrete assurance reportedly came out of these meetings.

As the monsoon session of the legislature is set to begin later this month, NCP (SP) MLA Rohit Pawar has already hinted that Kadu's agitation will be an issue discussed there. Now with Congress backing Kadu, the opposition seems to have found a cause to take up on the floor of the house.

Akola medico cheats death at Ahmedabad plane crash site

Akola 14 June: An Akola medico, Aishwarya Toshniwal, 30, had a brush with death when the Air India flight crashed into the BJ Medical College hospital premises, metres away from her hostel on Thursday afternoon. Jolted by the explosion, Aishwarya, a second-year oncopathology student at Gujarat Cancer Research Institute Medical College, which shares the campus with the civil hospital, watched with horror leaping flames and smouldering debris from the fifth floor window of her hostel building. The plane had nose-dived into the diagonally opposite building and smoke and fire were spreading and wreckage tossed into the air. Wrapping herself with a blanket, she suffered burns while navigating her way to the ground through the dark, smoke-filled stairways and corridors. "This will stay with me for the rest of my life. I've never been so close to death," said Aishwarya, still

recovering from the trauma. "For a moment, I thought it was all over," she later told her father, Amol Toshniwal, who runs a cloth store in Akola's Durga Chowk. Instead of panicking, Aishwarya, who was well-versed with every nook and corner of the building, mustered the courage to walk down in pitch darkness, breathless and choking. Soon after, Aishwarya called her father. "Papa, there has been building and smoke and fire were spreading and wreckage tossed into the air. Wrapping herself with a blanket, she suffered burns while navigating her way to the ground through the dark, smoke-filled stairways and corridors. "This will stay with me for the rest of my life. I've never been so close to death," said Aishwarya, still



celebrating her grandfather's birthday in Akola. Who could have imagined such a thing," he added. Aishwarya's mother, Madhuri, as well as her grandparents were in tears on hearing her voice. Her grandfather said, "She came to meet me on my birthday and faced near-death the very next day. We are thankful to God she is still alive." The Toshniwals expressed condolences to the families who lost their loved ones in the tragedy.

Four women workers injured in lightning strike

Yavatmal 14 June: Four female labourers were injured under lightning struck a tree under which they were resting in a field in Yenak village of Wani tehsil. The incident occurred on Thursday afternoon. All four women are in stable condition and were discharged after receiving medical treatment. As per details, around 12:30 pm on Thursday, rain accompanied by thunder and lightning began in the Shindola area of Wani tehsil. At that time, workers were finishing cotton harvesting in the field of farmer Anil Gargate in Yenak.

As they were packing up to leave, ten people including two men and eight women took shelter under a Mahua tree. Meanwhile, lightning struck the tree. Fortunately, there was no loss of life. However, (Kanta) Diwakar Mandhare, 50, Sunanda Kawadu Atram (32), Rekha Uttam Dewale (55), and Savita Devdas Madavi (48) sustained injuries. Others received minor bruises. The field owner rushed the injured women to a hospital in Ghugus, where they were treated and later discharged by doctors.

Farmers will receive loan waiver at appropriate time: Ajit Pawar

Deputy CM assures, no discrimination in fund allocations took place

Akola 14 June: Since the formation of the Mahayuti government in the State, the issue of loan waiver for farmers has been widely discussed. Deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar stated in Akola on Thursday that the government is committed to providing loan waiver and that farmers will be made debt-free at the appropriate time. He was speaking at a press conference held after a review meeting at the district collector's office. When asked about the hunger strike launched by former minister of state Bachchu Kadu at Mozari in Amravati district, over issues including farmers' loan waivers, Pawar said that such matters can be resolved through dialogue. He reiterated that farmers will receive loan waivers in due course. Also present at the press conference were minister of state for soil and water conservation Indranil Naik, legislators Amol Mitkari, Sanjay Khodke, Kisan Sarnai, and others. Meanwhile, this year, a campaign is underway to plant 10 crore saplings across the State. From next year, the target will be increased to 25 crore. Deputy chief minister Pawar informed that instructions have been given to prepare nurseries to support this initiative.



Increased funding for social justice and tribal welfare departments

There have been allegations that the social justice department's budget allocation was diverted to 'Ladki Bahin' scheme. When asked about this, the deputy chief minister responded that, compared to the previous year, the Mahayuti government has increased the budget allocation for both the social justice and tribal welfare departments. He assured that these departments will never face discrimination in fund allocation.

Ajit Pawar takes stock of development works in Akola district

Dy CM lays emphasis on proper use & allocation of funds

Akola 14 June: Deputy chief minister of Maharashtra and state finance & planning minister Ajit Pawar conducted a comprehensive review of development projects in Akola and Washim districts on Wednesday. Chairing a meeting at the Planning Bhavan, Pawar directed that the District Planning Committee (DPC) funds be fully utilized for quality and necessary works, ensuring all planned projects are completed by February 2026 without any unspent allocations. Pawar emphasized, "No funds should remain unutilized in the 2025-26 cycle, and quality and deadline compliance must be strictly followed." He was accompanied by state minister for soil and water conservation Indranil Naik, MP Anup Dhotre, MLAs Randhir Savarkar, Amol Mitkari, Vasant Khandelwal, Kisan Sarnayak, Sanjay Khodke, Sajid Pathan, Saibai Dahake, and senior administrative officials including



collector Pramod Gaikwad, municipal commissioner Sunil Lahane, and SP Archit Chandak. Pawar warned against misuse of DPC funds for unnecessary purchases, stressing timely and efficient execution. "Any irregularity will invite strict action," he said, adding that innovative schemes must result in impactful projects.

Taking stock of issues farmers face during the kharif season, Pawar issued a stern directive: "Any malpractice involving forced linkage of seeds and fertilizers will lead to FIRs against dealers and companies." He also encouraged AI adoption in agriculture with support

from agricultural universities. Reviewing crop loan disbursement, he urged departments to enhance awareness among farmers and ensure benefit delivery under various schemes.

The deputy CM directed completion of underground drainageworks in Akola with long-term planning for the next 25 years of urban growth. He assured additional funds for municipal projects and emphasized linking PMAY with the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana to benefit maximum families. Pawar also promised resolution of pending issues related to the medical college and super-specialty hospital in

Akola. Highlighting the transition from the government's 100-day to 150-day program, Pawar urged authorities to expedite implementation of key schemes like PMAY, solar pump distribution, and desiltation of dams and farmlands under 'Galmukt Shivar' - Galyukt Shivar. Pawar announced a positive move towards completing the Akola airport project. "We will ensure runway expansion, night landing facility, and resolve technical issues. All efforts will be made to complete the airport," he assured.

Ajit Pawar unveiled an ambitious statewide tree plantation drive with a target of planting 10 crore trees this year, and 25 crore trees from next year onward. Under the CAMPA initiative, Rs3,000 crore has been allocated for large-scale environmental and afforestation works. Ajit Pawar's review in Akola highlighted an assertive and accountable governance approach, stressing fiscal discipline, environmental

Suspect in Dighori bar theft case held, also linked to vehicle lifting in Amravati

Nagpur/Amravati 14 June: In a significant breakthrough, Crime Branch Unit 4 of Nagpur Police arrested a 20-year-old man for stealing Rs 25,000 cash from a beer bar in Dighori area. The accused, Sheikh Raja Sheikh Baba alias Raja, a resident of Motha Tajbagh, Sakardara, also confessed to a vehicle theft in Amravati district. According to police, the incident took place between 1 am and 7 am on May 6 when the complainant, Ajay Fulbandhe (48), locked his bar—Ramashri Beer Bar at Dighori Square, Wathoda area — and went home. When he returned, he found that someone had forcibly opened the shutter and stolen Rs 25,000 cash kept in the counter. Wathoda Police registered a case under Sections 305(A) and 331(4) of the BNS based on Fulbandhe's complaint. During the investigation, Crime Branch Unit 4 launched a parallel probe. Technical analysis and a tip-off led the team to Sheikh Raja, who was taken into custody and confessed to the theft. On further interrogation, he also admitted to being involved in a vehicle theft case registered at Nagpur Police Station in Amravati. Police recovered Rs 3,800 in cash and a mobile phone, totaling Rs 8,800 in stolen property. The accused has been handed over to Wathoda Police for further legal action.

68 Thousand houses approved under PM Awas Yojana



Yavatmal 14 June: Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, a target of 68 thousand new homes has been approved. Eligible beneficiaries are expected to receive the first installment in their bank accounts within the next few days. The rural development department has announced housing targets for 2025-2026, with funds to be disbursed through the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA). This brings much-needed relief to those waiting for home construction. With approvals coming just before the monsoon, it's unclear how many beneficiaries will begin construction immediately. However, those who start will receive subsequent funds in phases, based on work completion.

Shop catches fire in Murtijapur

Murtijapur 14 June: A major fire broke out at a shop in Roshanpura Chowk, located in the old settlement area of the city, around 8:30 am on Friday. Panic spread in the locality after smoke was suddenly seen emerging from the shop. As soon as the owner of cold drinks shop Sarfaraz Khan was called and the shutter was opened, the fire flared up. Local residents tried to bring the fire under control, but as it intensified, the municipal fire brigade was summoned. After sustained efforts, the fire was finally brought under control. Though there were no casualties in the incident, goods worth approximately 8 lakh were damaged. As soon as the shutter was opened in the morning, the flames erupted. Residents tried to douse the fire using water from wells and other sources, but as it remained uncontrollable, the fire brigade was called in. The fire brigade promptly arrived at the scene and managed to control the fire. Tehsildar Shilpa Bobde also visited the site, conducted an inspection, and ordered a formal assessment of the damage.

Buldhana ZP orders suspension of teachers for low student enrolment in schools

Buldhana 14 June: The Zilla Parishad of Buldhana district has ordered suspension of nearly 35 teachers from a total of 20 ZP schools having less than 10 students, citing their failure to provide a satisfactory explanation for drastically low student enrolment. The issue came to light following a letter dated June 11 by Buldhana ZP Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Gulab Kharat, informing local officers about taking action against teachers responsible for reduction of student enrolment in ZP schools. The Maharashtra Rajya Prathamik Shikshak Samiti, teachers' organisation, has now written to state school education minister against the action. The letter by Kharat, which is attached with the list of 20 schools having less than 10 students enrolled, states, "It has come to my attention that there are several schools in the district with student enrolment ranging from one to 10. It is observed that due to the inefficiency of teachers who have been working in these schools for many years, there has been a significant decline in student enrolment. In a recent meeting, the concerned teachers were unable to provide a satisfactory explanation regarding the decline in student numbers. Therefore, it appears prima facie that the concerned teachers are responsible for the drop in enrolment." The letter sparked shock among teachers with many questioning the way the action was taken.

Teachers claim that there were no instructions from the Zilla Parishad in the past to work to increase student enrolment. One letter was issued on June 9 in this regard and a review meeting was called on June 11. One of the aggrieved teachers said, "We all were under the impression that decreasing student enrolment in ZP schools will be discussed along with guidelines for teachers on how to improve enrolment."

However, we were shocked when the entire blame was put on us and immediately this letter was issued." According to teachers, there are multiple factors leading to low student enrolment in ZP schools and it is unjust to just hold teachers responsible. "There is not enough population in some villages to ensure children in schools," said one teacher. Kharat however said that the action was taken after studying data from past few years. "There are schools where student enrolment was above 50 in the 2020-21



academic year. And now, it is less than 10 students. This ought to be examined and the onus is on teachers," said Kharat. He further added that the teachers neither took efforts to increase student enrolment nor did they approach ZP if there were other issues causing the problem. Further emphasizing that the schools will not shut down, Kharat said additional charge will be given to nearby school teachers.

"The intention is to increase student enrolment in ZP schools. There are still a few weeks left for schools in Vidharbha to resume after summer vacation. If these teachers take efforts to bring children to their respective schools and submit a satisfactory report, we will consider reinstating them," said Kharat. While Kharat insists that the move aims to ensure better enrolment in ZP schools, the teachers' association call the action 'unjust' and 'inappropriate' and demanded immediate withdrawal of the suspension of teachers. Vijay Kombe, state president of the teachers' association, said, "Low student enrolment in ZP schools is a collective failure of the system but the blame is conveniently put on teachers. ZP schools were opened in all villages of Maharashtra to provide free primary education nearby residences."

But now, with many villagers migrating in pursuit of employment, there are some villages with low population, which in turn is reflecting in the low student enrolment. The issue should be reviewed from all aspects and the action against the teachers should be withdrawn immediately."

TORRENTIAL RAINS BATTER BULDHANA LOCALITIES....



Heavy rain accompanied by thunderstorms battered certain localities and talukas of Buldhana district. At Shelapur a lightning strike killed as many as 17 cattle. Reports of crop damage, trees being uprooted and cattle deaths also came to the fore from Deulgaon Ghube, Berala in Chikhali taluka. A large banana plantation field also sustained damage in Khamgaon taluka with the concerned farmer incurring massive losses as a result.

BUSINESS

Adani Cement and CREDAI to Elevate Sustainable Urban Construction

Ahmedabad 14 June: Adani Cement and CREDAI (Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India) have entered an exclusive preferred partnership to advance sustainable and high-quality construction in India. The signing took place in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Shri Pramod Sawant, during the CREDAI Governing Council Meeting held in Panjim, attended by industry body office bearers and leading developers from across the country. This strategic alliance brings together Adani Cement and the country's apex body of private real estate developers, aiming to benefit both organisations and the broader construction industry. Under this collaboration, Adani Cement will leverage CREDAI's nationwide network of 13,000+ developers to strengthen its B2B outreach, while CREDAI members benefit from Adani Cement's industry-leading solutions. Mr Vinod Bahety, CEO – Cement Business, Adani Group, stated: "Our exclusive partnership with CREDAI is a testament to Adani Cement's commitment to nation-building through sustainable and innovative construction. By joining hands with CREDAI, we aim to accelerate the adoption of world-class cement products and green concrete solutions in India's real estate sector. This collaboration aligns perfectly with our vision of building a greener, smarter urban future – one where Adani Cement's technical expertise and CREDAI's on-ground experience come together to create stronger, safer, and more sustainable structures. We are excited to work closely with CREDAI members and support them with the best of our materials and R&D capabilities, ultimately delivering superior value to homeowners, ultimately delivering superior value to India's growth story." In practice, the industry body members will have the advantage of enhancing their project quality in various parameters, including:

- **Availability of Adani Cement's Innovative Concrete Solutions:** Availability of Adani's diverse Ready-Mix Concrete (RMX) and advanced concrete solutions customised to varied requirements – from standard grades to specialised mixes. Notably, this includes Adani Cement's green RMX range like ECOMaxXultra high-performance concrete (UHPC), which offers the industry's broadest range of green concrete with 30–100% lower embodied carbon content compared to conventional concrete. Self-compacting concrete (SCC), Jetsetcrete – high-strength concrete (HSC) and Colocrete – thermally controlled concrete (TCC) are also included in the range. Such eco-friendly concrete options allow developers to significantly reduce the carbon footprint of their projects without compromising on strength or performance. Adani RMX will soon announce Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) for all their concrete grades via lifecycle assessment (LCA) carried out recently. Support and ease of availability for Adani's RMX is rapidly growing with its increasing footprint through 101+ plants across the nation.
- **Specialist & Premium Cement Products:** Benefit from Adani Cement's wide range of specialist and premium cement brands, such as the flagship Ambuja Plus and ACC Concrete Plus, known for superior strength and durability. These high-performance products will help developers achieve greater structural quality and durability in their projects. It is noteworthy that around 30% of Adani Cement's total trade sales come from its premium products.
- **GRIHA-certified Green Products:** Ambuja's range of innovative and blended cement products such as Ambuja Cement, Ambuja Plus, Ambuja Compocem, and Ambuja Kawachand ACC's Suraksha, Concrete Plus, Gold, F2R, and HPC, are listed in GRIHA's (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment) green product catalogue. GRIHA is a national green rating system developed by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India.
- **Advanced Additives & R&D Support:** A broad array of advanced additives and admixtures developed through Adani Cement's deep technical R&D capabilities will now be available for all CREDAI members. This includes proprietary innovations such as Alcocofine – a micro fine mineral additive that enhances concrete strength and durability – among other cutting-edge products. Backed by Adani Cement's state-of-the-art cement and concrete research facilities, these additives enable customised high-performance concrete solutions for complex construction challenges.

Samsung R&D Institute Noida Ignites India's Tech Future with 3rd Startup Summit

Gurugram 14 June: Samsung R&D Institute, Noida (SRI-Noida) successfully hosted its third Startup Summit, a dynamic event designed to showcase disruptive technologies, foster meaningful collaborations, and spark conversations on the future of innovation.

The latest edition brought together AI-first startups and global tech leaders, focusing on cutting-edge advancements in healthcare, language models, audio deepfake detection, and extended reality (XR), among others. The Summit highlighted the critical need for ethical AI, digital trust, and next-generation innovation through cross-functional collaboration. It served as a testament to Samsung's unwavering commitment to strengthening India's innovation ecosystem by leveraging robust technology partnerships, cross-industry collaboration, and talent acceleration. This year's event featured eight pioneering startups, including Sarvam AI, Jivi AI, HealthifyMe, ValidSoft, KOGO AI, NeoDocs, EnableX and Magnimus, working at the intersection of AI, immersive technologies, healthcare, and natural language processing. These startups showcased their breakthrough products and explored potential pilot collaborations with teams from Samsung's R&D centers, business units, and Samsung Ventures. The participating startups were carefully selected based on their innovation potential, strategic alignment with Samsung's vision, and capacity to scale globally.

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EDITORIAL

Global Wind Day



Global Wind Day or World Wind Day is a worldwide event that is held on June 15. It is organised by WindEurope and GWEC (Global Wind Energy Council). It is a day when wind energy is celebrated, information is exchanged and adults and children find out about wind energy, its power and the possibilities it holds to change the world. In association with EWEA and GWEC, national wind energy associations and companies involved in wind energy production organise events in many countries around the world. In 2011, there were events organised in 30 countries, on 4 continents. Events included visits to onshore and offshore wind farms, information campaigns, demonstration turbines being set up in cities, wind workshops and a wind parade. Many events happened on Global Wind Day (15 June) itself, but there were also events on the days and weeks before and afterwards. In 2012 there were 250 events around the globe and a popular photo competition.

2007
The inaugural year of Wind Day (it did not become Global Wind Day until 2009) was organised by EWEA. The main idea was to coordinate events organised by national wind energy associations and companies active in the wind energy field. Wind Day in 2007 reached 18 countries in Europe, with a participation of around 35,000 people.

2008
Wind Day 2008 reached 20 European countries and attracted 100,000 people.

2009
This was the first year that EWEA joined forces with GWEC and extended the reach from European wind energy associations and companies to coordinate Wind Day events across the globe (and changing the name to Global Wind Day). In 2009 there were 300 events in 35 countries, reaching 1 million people.

In 2009 in Portugal the Wind Day was celebrated with an event called Wind Parade. It was organised in the city of Cascais just in front of the ocean. This project aimed to promote renewable energy good practices and in particular Wind Energy.

Why US is falling for Pakistan's charms



As many as seven delegations comprising over 40 Indian politicians and former diplomats fanned out across 33 countries over the past two weeks to explain India's actions against Pakistan during Op Sindoor, but it is Pakistan's army chief—and now Field Marshal—Gen Asim Munir who has been invited to participate in the US army's 250th anniversary parade in Washington DC on June 14, today. All the bells and whistles for the first parade since 1991 will be on display—6,600 soldiers, 28 Abrams tanks, 28 Bradley Fighter Vehicles, 28 Stryker vehicles, four Paladin self-propelled howitzers, eight marching bands, 24 horses, two mules and a dog—besides a few rocket launchers and precision-guided missiles. It also happens to be Donald Trump's 79th birthday.

Meanwhile, all seven MP delegations have returned home and met the PM. The BJP's Ravi Shankar Prasad, who travelled to London, Paris, Rome, Copenhagen, Berlin and the European Union headquarters in Brussels, told reporters on his return that he and his colleagues had explained India's zero tolerance towards terrorism to their interlocutors in all these European cities. "We clarified that we are not against the people of Pakistan. The problem is Pakistan's generals, with whom Pakistan's people are also fed up," Prasad said. Perhaps Prasad hasn't been reading the press carefully lately. Only the day before in DC, Gen Michael E Kurilla, the powerful commander of the US Central Command, told the US Senate Armed Services Committee that Pakistan is a "phenomenal partner", especially on the anti-terror front. "I do not believe it is a binary switch that we can't have (a relationship) with Pakistan if we have a relationship with India," Kurilla said. A few days prior, Kurilla's boss, Donald Trump, had announced, "Pakistan has very strong leadership. Some people don't like when I say this, but it is what it is. And they stopped that war. I'm very proud of them. Am I getting credit? No. They don't give me credit for anything." So what happened to the famed "strategic partnership" between India and the US? Moreover, is the much-detested "hyphenation" between India and Pakistan back? The larger question, of course, is why the most powerful country in the world would still fall for the charms of a nation whose economy is in deep trouble (it has taken 25 loans from the IMF), is a democracy only in name and continues to mastermind terror attacks inside India, the latest being the horror in Pahalgaon.

Not a Pinch of Salt

It will be an understatement to say that Indians are becoming health conscious. The health trend is a much-needed reset for a nation that thrives on fried breads for breakfast, relishes its spicy curries, and considers desserts as a part of its staple. Even when diets and food charts are considered, papads, pickles, and salads that often contain high salt, don't raise an alarm. Over generations, our daily eating habits have moved farther away from light and nutritious to heavy and oily. Therefore, a growing consciousness of what we put into our bodies, is indeed a welcome change. While we have long deliberated the increasing number of Indians afflicted with diabetes, this week drew attention to another silent killer—salt. Indians consume double the amount of the salt recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO). An average Indian gobbles up between 8 gm to 11 gms of salt every day compared to the acceptable level of less than 5 gms. This quantum of sodium intake comes as no surprise. From our paranthas to our dals and sabzis, from chaats and snacks to packaged foods that flood retail shelves—we love our salt! And while the health food market has gone big on zero sugar, 'low or no salt' has yet to catch up. The salt epidemic claims 1.75 lakh lives every year caused by hypertension or high blood pressure related complications. High blood pressure affects almost 220 million Indians. Reports suggest that over 7 crore adolescents in India already have high blood pressure as they have been grown up on high-sodium diets. That's almost a generation of soon-to-be adults who are 7x at risk of getting cardiovascular diseases. Another modelling study by the WHO has said that almost 3 lakh deaths, caused by cardiovascular and chronic kidney disease (CKD), can be prevented within a decade if salt recommendations are met. The study, published in The Lancet, also noted that we could impede 17 lakh deaths over ten years and have USD 800 million in savings. The alternatives for sugar have caught on fast—artificial sweeteners, stevia, natural ingredients such as jaggery and monk fruit offer healthier options. Salt alternatives are limited and evoke mixed opinions. While iodised low salt is yet to gain popularity, doctors say that items such as pink salt, sea salt, and rock salt are not too different from regular salt in terms of the quantity of the sodium. India has pledged to reduce salt consumption by 30 percent by 2030, extending its earlier target of 2025. So, how would a salt-loving nation fight this craving? Ask me, I know. For years, I have been hooked on salty snacks. Sweets barely no hold on me, but give me a pack of crisps, and I'll contentedly munch away. Salt, like sugar, is addictive—the more you give, the more we crave it if not supplied at the right time. The body gets used to it and demands a dose. And off we go looking to replenish our salty stash. The only way to break the pattern is to go cold turkey. First, stop all salty snacks—this will be unbearable for the first few days. Eating out is another driver of additional salt. Remove salt from the table and fight the urge to add additional salt to food. But with 80 percent, home-cooked food has emerged as the biggest contributor of the salt intake. Reducing the amount of salt used in cooking is now no longer an option. Households must employ immediate measures to reduce salt—rationing the salt before usage can help control the amount used.

ENTERTAINMENT

Zee TV artists salute their real-life superheroes this Father's Day



Mumbai 14 June: Father's Day is a celebration of the profound role fathers play in shaping who we are and who we strive to become. With their steady hands and open hearts, fathers nurture resilience, teaching us to rise after every fall and face life's challenges with strength, patience, and courage. This year's theme, "Fathers: Nurturing Resilience and Shaping Futures," beautifully captures this enduring influence. Whether through wise words or silent sacrifices, fathers lead by example, quietly instilling values that stand the test of time. To daughters, they are protectors and pillars of strength; to sons, they are the blueprint of integrity and perseverance. Above all, fathers are the unsung architects of tomorrow, shaping lives with unwavering love and purpose. To mark this special day, Zee TV actors—Aarya Babbar from Jagriti—Ek Nayi Subah, Namik Paul from Kumkum Bhagya, Anushka Merchande from Saru, Aishwarya Khare from Bhagya Lakshmi, and Abhishek Sharma from Vasudha—open up about the quiet strength, life lessons, and unconditional love they've received from their fathers. Aishwarya Khare, who essays the role of Lakshmi in Zee TV's Bhagya Lakshmi said, "When I moved from Bhopal to Mumbai, everything was unfamiliar—the city, the people, the struggle. But one thing remained constant—my father's belief in me. He's never been someone to say too much, but his actions have always spoken volumes. After I won an award for Bhagya Lakshmi, I found out he had put up a huge poster of me outside our house in Bhopal. That quiet, proud gesture gave me the courage to dream bigger. Growing up with two sisters, he never once made us feel like we were missing out because we didn't have a brother. Instead, he empowered us—taught us to raise our voices, stand our ground, and always believe in ourselves. Every ounce of resilience I have today comes from him." Aarya Babbar, who essays the role of Kalikant Thakur in Zee TV's Jagriti—Ek Nayi Subah said, "For me, Father's Day is a quiet honour to the man who taught me the most important things without ever spelling them out. Long before I knew what words like 'resilience' or 'integrity' meant, my father, Raj Babbar, was already showing me what they looked like.

Not just in his career, but in the way he treats people, holds space for others, and lives by his principles. At home, he's calm, grounded, and full of understated wisdom. He listens deeply and speaks only when needed—and when he does, it's exactly what you need to hear. I've learned that true strength isn't loud or aggressive—it's patient, consistent, and values-driven. This year, I won't be doing anything fancy. Just a quiet dinner, good conversation, and the kind of time that really matters. Because that's what he's given me my whole life."

A royal transformation! Mandeep Kaur dons a traditional Rajasthani bridal look in Vasudha

Mumbai 14 June: Zee TV's popular drama Vasudha continues to keep viewers engaged with its emotionally gripping storyline and unexpected twists. In a recent sequence, audiences witnessed a striking transformation as Megha (played by Mandeep Kaur) stepped into a regal Rajasthani bridal avatar. The sequence, set around an ad shoot in the storyline, brought in a vibrant cultural touch and gave viewers a glimpse of Megha in an all-new look that stood out for its grace and grandeur. This marked Mandeep Kaur's first time portraying a Rajasthani bride on screen, and she looked nothing short of majestic. Dressed in a deep maroon lehenga with intricate golden embroidery, a heavily embellished choli, and a classic Rajasthani-style dupatta, her look was brought together with traditional kundan jewellery—a nath, choker, layered haar, borla maang tikka, bangles, and a kamarbandh. The rich colours, detailed textures, and ornate



accessories made the look grand yet elegant.

The process of wearing such an elaborate costume for the first time turned out to be a new and fulfilling experience for the actress. Sharing her experience, Mandeep said, "It was my

first time ever dressing up as a Rajasthani bride, and I was genuinely excited. I sat with the creative team to understand their vision for Megha's look and even added a few suggestions of my own. I felt the kamarbandh and traditional dupatta drape would enhance the authenticity. When I finally saw myself in the mirror, it felt surreal.

Though the outfit was layered and heavy, stepping into character brought everything together beautifully. It was a refreshing change from my usual look, and I loved how rooted and regal it felt." As Mandeep captivates audiences with this new look, tensions continue to rise in the upcoming episodes. Vasudha (Priya Thakur) is left heartbroken as Megha and Devansh (Abhishek Sharma) take a shocking decision to get married.

Will Vasudha and Devansh ever come together, or is this the end of their story? Stay tuned to Vasudha to find out what happens next, every day at 10:15 PM, only on Zee TV!

'It was such a calming, beautiful moment' says Karuna Pandey from Sony SAB's 'Pushpa Impossible' on her first rain experience

Mumbai 14 June: Karuna Pandey, who essays the strong yet grounded Pushpa in Sony SAB's Pushpa Impossible, often reflects the quiet power of simplicity—both on-screen and off it in real life. Much like her character, Karuna believes in cherishing the little joys of life, and nothing defines that better than the magic of the first rain. Recalling the season's first showers, Karuna shared how perfectly timed it was with a rare unit-off day. "I



remember the first rain... I was at home, just chilling with my dogs and sipping chai in the evening.

The rain came in suddenly—the wind started blowing heavily, and then it poured. Everything felt instantly fresh." She adds, "The next morning, I woke up to see fresh leaves everywhere, and the trees looked so green and alive. It was such

a calming, beautiful moment. I didn't step out, but nature came right to my window. As I love dancing, I also listened to some music and tried to practise a few steps, and it was a very happy day." Sometimes, the perfect pause comes not during grand moments, but in still ones—and for Karuna, that monsoon evening was just that. Tune in to watch Pushpa Impossible only on Sony SAB every Monday to Saturday at 9:30pm.

Sushant Singh Rajput's sister pens emotional note on his 5th death anniversary

Mumbai 14 June: Shweta has consistently maintained that her brother did not die by suicide, despite the CBI concluding otherwise. On the fifth death anniversary of actor Sushant Singh Rajput, his sister Shweta Singh Kirti has shared a heartfelt note on Instagram, remembering her brother's legacy and urging fans to uphold the values he stood for. June 14 marks five years since the Chhichore actor was found dead in his Mumbai apartment, a loss that shook the nation and left both his family and fans devastated. "Today is Bhai's 5th death anniversary... A lot has happened since June 14, 2020," Shweta wrote. "CBI has now submitted a report to the court, and we are in the process of retrieving it. But



no matter what happens, don't lose heart or faith in God or in goodness." Describing Sushant's spirit, she added: "Always remember what our Sushant

stood for—purity, a thirst for learning, a heart full of love, and child-like innocence. He hasn't gone anywhere. He is in you, in me, in all of us." Shweta has consistently maintained that her brother did not die by suicide, despite the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) concluding otherwise.

The family continues to seek justice, questioning the findings of the probe. In her post, Shweta also urged fans not to use Sushant's name to spread negativity. "He wouldn't have liked that," she said. "Let his legacy continue. You are the burning candle that lights up others. Great people influence generations because their essence lives on."

Encroachment and garbage accumulates at Wadi flyover

Wadi 14 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): While tree plantation drives and initiatives are being carried out at various places in the town on the occasion of World Environment Day, the newly constructed flyover in Wadi is still awaiting beautification. Currently, a kingdom of garbage, plastic bags, and glass fragments and in some places, encroachment is being seen under the bridge. This 4.79 km long flyover, built at a cost of about Rs 479 crore, is between Wadi Naka and Police Station Wadi. Of this, 2.84 km stretch is under the jurisdiction of the Transport Department, while the remaining part is under the jurisdiction of Wadi Municipal Council. Vegetable and meat vendors have set up their stalls on one side of the bridge. Due to the meat vendors, dogs have started converging under the flyover. While activities such as tree plantation and sapling work has not been carried out under the bridge in Wadi. Due to this, a foul smell has spread in the area, which according to the local citizens is becoming hazardous to health.



Locals people's reaction "Some people have made a place to sleep under the bridge and some have also established their homes. This matter is very serious indeed and the administration needs to pay immediate attention to the issue."

Former Principal Purushottam Kote If tree plantation drive is not carried out in time, the ecological balance of the area will be disturbed. It is necessary to beautify it as soon as possible.

Rajesh Thorane, Former Deputy Mayor,

Wadi Municipal Council Trees are the habitat of wildlife and part of the food chain. Without them, biodiversity is at risk.

-Atul Dekar, Animal lover and social activist Due to the untidiness, encroachment and lack of tree plantation under the Dattawadi flyover, this area is becoming dangerous in terms of environmental and civic health.

The demand for immediate tree plantation drive and cleanliness campaigns in the pre-monsoon period is now becoming stronger.

Action would be initiated against those blocking or tampering with electricity meters

Nagpur 14 June: MSEDCL is currently installing modern TOD meters everywhere in the state. In MSEDCL's new electricity tariff proposal, a discount will be given in the rate depending on the time when the customer used electricity. This discount will not be available without a TOD meter. Keeping in mind the demand put forth by the consumers in the state, Chief Minister Fadnavis had announced that prepaid meters should not be installed. Currently, postpaid meters are being installed. Therefore, the bill will be issued after using electricity just as it was the process before. With modern meters, new facilities such as accurate reading and continuous understanding of electricity consumption on mobile will be available. The main thing is that this meter is being installed free of cost on behalf of MSEDCL at the consumers' residences and business establishments. Despite all this, some people are opposing the installation of new meters. They say that meters should be installed only after taking the written permission of the consumer. This is legally incorrect. The Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission, an independent organisation that oversees the electricity sector, announced the rules in this concern in 2021.

According to the contents of directive 2.2, if the electricity consumer's house or office is his property from the fuse after the meter, then the system of MSEDCL up to the point of supply, that is, the fuse, is owned by MSEDCL. This also includes the meter installed by MSEDCL employees. Also, according to Section 55 of the Electricity Act 2003, it is mandatory for MSEDCL to install a meter to accurately measure the electricity while supplying it. MSEDCL is fulfilling its legal duty by installing a meter based on cutting-edge information technology. Even if it is installed on private land, the meter is the property of MSEDCL and MSEDCL can change it at any time at its own discretion. The permission of the customer is not required for this purpose. Another important point is that since the electricity meter is the property of MSEDCL, opposing the change of the meter will be an obstacle in government work. If the meter is destroyed, it will be destruction of government property. Both these crimes are cognisable offences and can lead to arrest and imprisonment. Consumers should be wary of politicians who are inciting consumers by saying that they did not obtain permission from the consumer to install an electricity meter and such acts can land one in jail.

WCL sanctions Rs 2 crore under CSR initiative for Erai river desilting

MoU signed with Chandrapur Municipal Corporation

Chandrapur 14 June: Western Coalfields Limited (WCL), in a major CSR initiative, has sanctioned Rs 2 crore for the desilting and cleaning of the Erai River in Chandrapur.

The District Administration, Chandrapur, had initiated a mission from 25 April to 10 June 2025 to desilt the Erai River stretch from Chandrapur City to its confluence with the Wardha River, aiming to prevent monsoon flooding, improve hygiene, and mitigate serious public health hazards caused by water stagnation and pollution.

WCL, being a key stakeholder in the local ecosystem due to the proximity of its operational mines, responded to the request made by the District Collector, Chandrapur. Accordingly, on 09.06.2025, an MoU for the said work was signed at a ceremony held at Niyogan Bhavan in Chandrapur.

The MoU was signed by Shri Harshad Datar, Area General Manager, Chandrapur Area on behalf of WCL and Shri Vipin Paliwal, Commissioner on behalf of the Municipal Corporation of Chandrapur.

The event was held in the presence of eminent dignitaries including Shri Vinay Gowinda G.C. (District Collector), Shri Pulkit



Singh (CEO) of Chandrapur Zilla Parishad, Shri Sudarshan Mummaka (Superintendent of police Chandrapur), Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Janabai Ramaji Uike (Guardian Minister) Chandrapur, Smt. Pratibha Suresh Dhanorkar (MP, Chandrapur), Dr. Kirsan Namdeo (MP, Gadchiroli-Chimur), Shri Vijay Namdevrao Wadetiwar (Leader of Opposition, Maharashtra), Shri Kirti Kumar Mitesh Bhangdiya Shri Kishore Jorgewar, Shri Subhash Dhote, Shri Karan Sanjay Deotale (MLAs), and Shri Sudhakar Govindrao Adbale, Shri Abhijit Govindrao Wanjarri (MLCs). It is pertinent to mention that WCL had previously contributed a total of Rs 5.41 Crores from its Environment Fund to support desilting of the same river under similar environmental and public safety concerns.

Income tax scam comes to the fore in Nagpur PS

Wadi 14 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): After deducting the advance tax every month on the income tax levied on the salary of the center head Sharad Bhandarkar, who was working at the Group Resource Center Wadi in Nagpur in the financial year 2020-21, the income tax return was filed by paying the shortfall of Rs. 56,062 through a government challan, Challan No. 2358 dated October 4, 2021, in cash at the Reserve Bank of India. While retired centre head Sharad Bhandarkar was feeling relaxed as the income tax levied on his income as per the rules was deposited in the government treasury, he received a demand notice from the Income Tax Department on February 25, 2025 via email and was accordingly informed to pay the shortfall of Rs. 62 thousand along with the interest thereon. He was mentally shocked to receive the notice from the Income Tax Department despite paying income tax honestly throughout his service. An attempt was made to verify the matter by requesting

information under the Right to Information from the Panchayat Samiti Office and the Income Tax Department, but the exact reason did not come to light.

Finally, Pravin Bhaiswar, an Income Tax Consultant from Katol, investigated the matter and found out where the scam took place. It was observed that the income tax paid in the financial year 2020-21 was not deposited in Bhandarkar's PAN account, but was used by the Panchayat Samiti Office to pay the late fee and interest on the "24Q of Quarter 2" return of the previous financial year 2019-20. In this case, Bhandarkar complained of financial fraud and demanded that the amount be changed/corrected within the prescribed time and was deposited in his PAN account through an email to the Group Education Officer of the Panchayat Samiti Nagpur, and warned of legal action if proper justice is not provided. A copy of the complaint has also been sent to ZP Chief Executive Officer and the Income Tax Department Office, Nagpur.

Birsa Munda's contributions reminisced Sonba Nagar

Wadi 14 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): A tribute paying programme was organised by Jai Birsa Adivasi Mahila Bachat Gat on the occasion of the 125th death anniversary of Jan Nayak Birsa Munda in Sonba Nagar under Lava Gram Panchayat's jurisdiction. The programme began by lighting incense sticks and candles in front of his statue. Gram Panchayat members Sharda Maraskolhe and Murali Kangale worshipped the statue and offered garlands. The programme was presided over by Rajkumar Borkar. Murali Kangale and Madhuri Godange were present as the chief guests. Sharda Maraskolhe gave the introductory speech. Jagdish Markam conducted the programme's proceedings and Manish Uke and Murali Kangale proposed the vote of thanks. Speaking on the occasion, President Borkar said, "Lord Birsa Munda, stood up against the British rule at the age of twenty years to strive for the rights of the tribals over water, forest and land and was martyred at the



age of 25. His life should be considered a role model by the SC, ST and OBC youth of today's Bahujan community." Mala Netam, Satyabhama Shinde, Jayashree Dhurve, Durga Malavi, Madhuri Godange, Gita Shirame, Kaushik Bengale, Vishal Godange and Ayush Netam

supported the programme to make it successful. A large number of women and men from the tribal community attended the programme, which created an emotional and inspiring atmosphere during the legendary tribal warrior's death anniversary observance.

Ramtek team emerge champions in tennis ball cricket tournament



Ramtek 14 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): In the state-level tennis ball cricket tournament held at Krida Sankul ground from 9 June to 11 June at Sakoli in Bhandara district, the girls' team of Abhiruchi Academy, Ramtek, led by Kashish Umale, Damini, Astha Latkar, Trishna, Kashish, Snehal, Tripti, Sania Khadsan, Vanshika, Payal, Achal, Suchitra, Rima, Riya, Aarushi represented Nagpur Rural, while a total of six teams from

Vidarbha participated. Setting a target of 29 runs for Nagpur City in a 4-over match, the Abhiruchi Academy, Ramtek of Nagpur Rural showed an aggressive performance from the first over itself and won by scoring 32 runs without loss, two and one, qualifying for the Champions-2025 and the people of Ramtek are showering their best wishes for bringing laurels to Vidarbha. On the occasion, Shrishti

Soundarya Parivar President Rishikesh Bhutkar, former corporator Sumit Kothari, journalist Amol Khadotkar, Matrika Foundation President Dr. Anshuja Bhutkar and all the members extended best wishes to all the players. Also, the girls once again proved their mettle. On the occasion, social worker Sonu Bethekar imparted valuable guidance to the girls and extended best wishes to them for their future journey.

Youth ends life by hanging

Ramtek 14 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Ritesh Devidas Chaudhary (24), son of Devidas Chaudhary, a resident of the forest department quarters near Ambada bend in Ramtek town and a maintenance worker at Mrug Vihar Ramtek, committed suicide by hanging himself at his residence at around 2 pm on June 12 when no one was home. According to the information received, Ritesh used to go to a construction company in Dudhala every day to carry out welding work. However, on Thursday, he stayed at home instead of going to work. In the afternoon, his father was busy with administrative work, while his mother had gone to the market to bring groceries. Meanwhile, Ritesh took advantage of the fact that no one was home and committed suicide by hanging himself with a nylon rope. As soon as his mother returned home with groceries, she came to know about this incident. She immediately informed her husband Devidas Chaudhary about the incident. The incident was eventually reported to Ramtek police and further probe in the matter is underway.



Tiger menace triggers panic among Satrapur residents

Ramtek 14 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): There has been a relentless wave of tiger attacks in Satrapur village under Borda Gram Panchayat under Ramtek forest area for a week now and the daily attacks on animals in broad daylight have created an atmosphere of fear in the village, so how can the villagers do agricultural work? This question is being put forth. According to the information received, the villagers informed that there has been a relentless wave of tiger attacks in Satrapur village under Borda Sarakha, a gram panchayat in Ramtek forest circle's jurisdiction, for the past one week or so. The entire farming community is scared as tigers are attacking animals grazing in the farms in broad daylight in the area around Satrapur village. On June 5, two goats in the farm of Udaram Apturkar, a resident of Satrapur, Bhimrao Thakur, a calf, and Devman Uike's cow were killed in broad daylight. Now that the monsoon season has begun and farmers in rural areas are busy in their farms all day long, how can they cultivate now that tiger menace is rampant in the area? This question mark has arisen before the farmers. The Forest Department was informed about this entire series of incidents. Area Assistant Muneshwar Gondimeshram and Beat Forest Guard Rekha Chonde have gone to the spot and conducted a panchnama of the incident site. Area Assistant Muneshwar Gondimeshram informed mediapersons that the affected farmers will be compensated through the Forest Department and he also advised the villagers to take care of themselves, not to go out to defecate at night, to use a stick in their hands, and to tie the animals in the cowshed instead of in the open. Seeing the increasing tiger menace day by day, the village deputy Sarpanch Pankaj Chaudhary visited the



spot where the cow was killed in Satrapur on June 10 this morning and found that the tiger had hunted and dragged the cow for about 100 metres from the spot. The forest department had also installed cameras at this place, and the camera also captured a picture of the tiger standing near the cow. While present at the scene, monkeys were screaming loudly in an area of about 200 metres to 300 metres from the scene, which means that the tiger must have stopped in this area. In the midst of all this, Deputy Sarpanch Pankaj Chaudhary was informed that the tiger was seen again in the farm area in the vicinity of Satrapur village. When he immediately reached another area, some forest department employees and villagers were seen there. Some eyewitnesses told mediapersons that the tiger was in this area. Immediately, Deputy Sarpanch Pankaj Chaudhary informed Ramtek Forest Range Officer Bansode about the entire incident, who immediately dispatched a forest department team to the scene. The forest department employees fired gunshots in the area and turned the tiger away from the inhabited area towards the forest. However, since the tiger was again seen in this area, fear has arisen in the minds of the villagers. The villagers of Satrapur are demanding that this tiger be rendered unconscious and taken to another location.

Nagpur Rural RTO registration scam: SIT uncovers vital leads, 12 trucks seized

Nagpur 14 June: The fake registration scam at the Nagpur Rural RTO refuses to die down, as the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the matter



has unearthed explosive revelations. Based on preliminary findings, several trucks purchased using forged documents from other states were fraudulently registered under dummy names at the Nagpur Rural RTO — allegedly with the active involvement of RTO officers and staff. Sources reveal that some RTO officials procured stolen trucks, fabricated documents via Nagaland and Mizoram RTOs, and then used these to get them officially registered in Nagpur Rural. These trucks were then attached to transport companies, yielding lakhs of rupees in monthly profits.

12 Trucks seized, 14 more on SIT radar

Under the leadership of Senior Police Inspector Kamalakar Gadime, the SIT has so far seized 12 out of 26 targeted trucks. The remaining vehicles, registered using forged documents originating from states like Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Telangana, are still being traced. In a desperate attempt to escape scrutiny, some involved officials reportedly sold or concealed the trucks soon after the investigation picked up pace. In one startling case, the same truck was allegedly registered six times under different dummy names. Investigators estimate that around 450 trucks may have been fraudulently registered this way.

RTO officials allegedly running the

racket

The SIT has stationed itself inside the Rural RTO office, treating it as a temporary base while combing through records daily. Investigators are working to identify the specific RTO officers and employees who not only facilitated these illegal registrations but also purchased trucks under dummy names for personal profit. Some of these trucks are reportedly attached to businesses linked to a BJP leader.

Political connections and expanding probe

The scam appears to have deep political and bureaucratic roots. Several trucks involved in the racket are believed to be linked to a major BJP-affiliated transporter. So far, 29 people have been arrested, including middlemen and transporters. The SIT continues to receive new documents daily and is tracing links from dummy owners to actual beneficiaries—believed to be RTO insiders. Despite mounting evidence, the investigation team is reportedly under pressure to go slow. However, officials remain confident that once the dummy owners are identified, the real masterminds behind the scam—possibly high-ranking officials and influential individuals—will be exposed. This could turn out to be one of the largest registration frauds ever uncovered in the region.

Senior citizens' meet held at Virangula Centre



Ramtek 14 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): A meeting of senior citizens was held at the Virangula Centre located at Shaheed Uchirabag on June 7. On the occasion, President Sukhram Samragale, Vice President Harihar Bhujade, Secretary Waman Naigaonkar, Ramakant Kumbhalkar, Narendra Kale and a large number of citizens were prominently present. On the occasion, various problems of senior citizens were resolved. Secretary Waman Naigaonkar disseminated information about the various schemes for senior citizens and said that senior citizens should avail benefit of government's various schemes. Also, the Virangula Centre remains open every day from 5 pm to 7 pm. At this time, a request has been made to avail benefit of carrom and reading newspapers.

NMC running on God’s mercy, says BJP’s Joshi

Congress alleges loot under administrator rule

Nagpur 14 June: The Municipal Corporation (NMC) is now functioning on “God’s mercy,” remarked BJP MLC Sandeep Joshi in a scathing critique after inspecting several areas across the city. Speaking to residents and listening to their grievances, Joshi expressed strong displeasure over piled-up garbage, lack of regular sanitation, and declining civic services. His remarks have raised a critical question: who is accountable for the present state of affairs? For the past ten years, the BJP has ruled the NMC, and the state government is also BJP-led. More importantly, Nagpur is the hometown of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis. In such a scenario, if the city’s condition is truly left to divine intervention, doesn’t it reflect the failure of BJP’s



governance? Citizens are now openly raising this concern.

Congress MLA Vikas Thakre slams civic administration

Amid this backdrop, Congress MLA Vikas Thakre also launched a fierce attack on the NMC’s administrative machinery. “For the past three years, the civic body has been under administrative rule. Common citizens are being charged money for getting their work done,” he



alleged. Thakre further said that it is the corporation’s duty to provide quality services to Nagpurians—not to exploit them.

Many development works across the city remain stalled, he added. With civic elections approaching, such fiery statements and political blame games are intensifying. However, it is the deteriorating state of civic amenities that continues to trouble the common citizens of Nagpur the most.

Govt Printing Press land cleared for Vidhan Bhavan expansion in Nagpur



Nagpur 14 June: In a significant development that clears the path for the long-awaited expansion of the Vidhan Bhavan in Nagpur, the Industries Department has approved the transfer of 9,670 square metres of land currently occupied by the Government Printing Press. A No Objection Certificate (NOC) has been issued by the department to hand over this land to the Revenue Department for further allocation to the Vidhan Bhavan expansion. A government resolution to this effect was passed on Friday, effectively resolving a major hurdle in the expansion project that had been pending for several years. The expansion of the Vidhan Bhavan has been under consideration for a long time, but the lack of adjacent available land had stalled progress. Although the nearby Government Printing Press premises had been under consideration, the proposal remained dormant

due to administrative bottlenecks. The issue gained momentum earlier this year when a high-level meeting was held in April with Ram Shinde, Chairman of the Legislative Council. During the meeting, which involved discussions between the concerned departments, Shinde instructed that a revised proposal be submitted regarding the land allocation for the Printing Press. Acting on this directive, the Industries Department reviewed the matter and has now officially provided the NOC to transfer the 9,670 sq.m. plot to the Revenue Department.

This move paves the way for the land to be formally allocated to the Vidhan Bhavan expansion. The decision marks a critical step forward in enhancing legislative infrastructure in the State’s Second Capital, supporting growing administrative needs and accommodating future legislative functions.

LCB sleuths crack robbery case in 24 hours

Duo held for assaulting auto driver in Sakkardara



Nagpur 14 June: Acting swiftly, the Crime Branch Unit 4 of Nagpur Police arrested two men within 24 hours for allegedly assaulting an auto driver and snatching his chain and cash in Sakkardara area. The accused have been identified as Ayaan Ali (22), a resident of Hasanbagh, and Danish Sheikh (19), a resident of Tajbagh. The incident took place around 5:45 pm on Wednesday, June

12, when the complainant, Vishal Munje (39), an auto-rickshaw driver from Bhole Baba Nagar, Hudkeshwar, was waiting for online passengers near Smile Dental Hospital in Sakkardara. Two unidentified men approached him on a moped (MH-49-CE-9603) and asked to be dropped at Tukdoji Square. When Munje refused, stating he only took online bookings, the duo

abused and threatened him, forcibly entered the auto, assaulted him, and snatched a silver chain from his neck and Rs 300 in cash—totaling a theft of Rs 2,100. Based on his complaint, Sakkardara Police registered a case under Sections 309(4), 296, 115(2), and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). During the parallel investigation, Crime Branch Unit 4 received reliable inputs and tracked the suspects. A team led by PI Kamalakar Gaddime laid a trap and apprehended the duo. Upon interrogation, they confessed to the robbery.

Police also recovered the stolen silver chain and a mobile phone worth approximately Rs 3,100 from their possession.

The accused have been handed over to Sakkardara Police for further investigation.

Burglary reported in Yashodhara Nagar

Cash & gold stolen as family attends wedding

Nagpur 14 June: A burglary was reported in Babuji Aney Nagar under Yashodharanagar Police Station limits, where unidentified thieves decamped with cash and gold ornaments worth over Rs 1 lakh. According to the complaint by Hemraj Maroti Telrandhe (38), the theft occurred between 7 pm on June 12 and 7.30 am on June 13 when he and his family had locked their home (Plot No. 37) to attend a wedding ceremony. During this period, the accused broke open the main door lock and gained entry into the house. They opened the bedroom cupboard and stole Rs 12 thousand in cash and gold jewellery, amounting to a total loss of Rs 1,03,000. Based on Telrandhe’s complaint, Yashodharanagar police have registered a



case under Section 305(a) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Nagpur Airport faces safety concerns over 183 high-rise buildings in flight path

Nagpur 14 June: Following the recent aircraft accident at Ahmedabad airport, concerns have resurfaced regarding high-rise buildings near Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport in Nagpur that may pose a risk to aircraft operations. Over 500 aircraft pass through the radar system at Nagpur airport daily, with more than 20 flight arrivals and departures recorded every day. Despite frequent VIP movements and heavy air traffic, it has come to light that 183 buildings located near the airport could potentially obstruct aircraft flight paths. Nagpur Airport is currently managed by the Maharashtra Airport Development Company (MADC), and operations are slated to be taken over by



GMR Group. Although the company won a legal battle for airport operations, the transfer is yet to take place, and progress has stalled. Initially, 205 buildings in the vicinity were identified as obstructions. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) issued notices to the owners of these structures. Of these, 22 buildings have since been cleared or modified to remove the obstruction. However, the remaining 183 building

owners have failed to respond to the notices, ignoring safety warnings. This information surfaced through a Right to Information (RTI) query. The issue has once again sparked public concern after a recent incident in Ahmedabad, where an aircraft crashed into a building just 30 seconds after takeoff.

Buildings within the impact zone

The impact zone of the airport extends up to 20

kilometres from Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport. Construction within this zone is subject to height restrictions. As per regulations, builders must obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Airports Authority of India before receiving building permits from local planning authorities. Nagpur Airport has a runway measuring 3,200 x 60 metres. A provision of Rs 58 crore has been made for runway development, of which Rs 43 crore has already been sanctioned by AAI. A separate expansion project worth Rs 7 crore is also planned, which will be executed in four phases and include the construction of two runways to boost capacity.

Unidentified elderly man dies near Binzani college ground

Nagpur 14 June: An unidentified elderly man was found unconscious near Binzani College, Hanuman Mandir, Cricket Ground in the Sakkardara area and later declared dead at Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH). The man, aged approximately 60 to 65 years, is described as dark-complexioned, bald, 5 feet 6 inches tall, with white beard and mustache. Locals spotted him unconscious around 7 pm and informed the authorities. He was immediately rushed to the hospital by police, where doctors declared him brought dead. A complaint was lodged by Manoj Shankarrao Bayne (40), a resident of Diamond Nagar, Nandanvan. Sakkardara Police have registered a case of accidental death. Sub-Inspector Bhongade is carrying out further investigation to identify the deceased and determine the cause of death.

Rising trend of love affairs turning violent grips city

Nagpur sees spike in murders linked to illicit relationships

Nagpur 14 June: What was once considered a symbol of companionship and commitment—love and marriage—is increasingly turning into a trigger for violence. The recent murder of Raja Raghuvanshi in Meghalaya, allegedly by his wife, has once again thrown a spotlight on the dark side of modern relationships. Closer home, Nagpur is witnessing a worrying rise in murders tied to extramarital affairs and emotional disputes.

While police officials maintain that murders are not often motivated by relationship motives, recent cases in Nagpur suggest a growing pattern of emotionally driven crimes, often involving jealousy, betrayal, and unaddressed anger.

Ragpicker Murdered Over Wife’s Affair

On June 8, Tehsil Police apprehended Anurag alias Ghoda Sunil Borkar (33) within four hours of brutally killing another ragpicker near Agram Square. Investigations revealed that Borkar was enraged after

learning that his wife had been living with the victim for the past three years. In a fit of rage, he attacked the victim with a stone, smashing his head and chest.

Man Kills Wife Amid Extramarital Affair

In May, Sheetal Johnson Mandpe (40) was found dead at her home in Ekta Nagar under MIDC Police jurisdiction. Initially treated as an accidental death, the case turned into a murder investigation after post-mortem reports indicated assault and suffocation. Her husband, Johnson Pralhad Mandpe, was later arrested. Police suspect the motive was rooted in domestic abuse and his ongoing extramarital relationship.

Girlfriend Bludgeoned to Death at Workplace

On May 6, Akshay Date killed his girlfriend, Hemlata Vaidya—a widow and mother—at her workplace in Gittikhadan. The accused, frustrated by her family’s refusal to accept their relationship, attacked her with a metal rod. Jealousy and suspicion triggered the fatal assault after he saw her

speaking with another man.

Man Stabbed in Broad Daylight by Wife’s Lover

In April, a man named Shera (32) was stabbed to death on Nandgiri Road in broad daylight by his wife’s paramour, Rajat alias Gitesh Uke, and his aide. The duo attacked Shera after he discovered the ongoing affair and allegedly assaulted his wife. The murder was a premeditated act of revenge.

GMCH Professor Murdered by Husband

In one of the most chilling cases, Dr. Archana Rahule, a physiotherapy assistant professor at GMCH, was murdered at her residence in Hudkeshwar.

Her husband, Dr. Anil Rahule, allegedly planned the crime for two months with the help of his brother and an accomplice. Investigators suspect the motive stemmed from suspicions about her character and her behaviour toward his ailing mother.

Experts Warn: Emotional Instability on the Rise

Noted psychiatrist Dr. Sudhir Bhawe attributes this surge in relationship-linked

violence to declining emotional tolerance and rising entitlement among the youth. “Young individuals today are quick to frustration and slow to compromise. They can’t handle rejection—whether emotional or material,” Dr. Bhawe said. He pointed to the role of social media in glorifying illicit relationships and distorting perceptions of reality. “When expectations aren’t met, the resulting frustration can erupt into violence.”

Police Caution: No One Escapes the Law

Joint Commissioner of Police Naveenchandra Reddy noted that Indian cultural values and societal pressure make handling extramarital affairs particularly complex.

“In India, divorce or separation isn’t always easy, and fear of exposure often drives people to dangerous decisions. Social media has unfortunately become a source of inspiration for many crimes,” he said. “No matter how carefully someone plans a crime, the law eventually catches up.”

NMC designates over 17 thousand parking slots across city roads to ease traffic congestion

Nagpur 14 June: In a bid to streamline traffic and instill disciplined parking habits among citizens, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has marked over 17,000 designated spots for vehicle parking across key city roads.

The initiative includes more than 13,500 spaces for two-wheelers and 4,000 for four-wheelers, under the city’s expanding street parking project. Implemented under the guidance of Municipal Commissioner and Administrator Dr. Abhijit Chaudhari, the project aims to reduce chaotic parking practices that often contribute to congestion. As part of the initiative, 51 prominent locations across 75 surveyed roads have been finalized for street parking. These designated areas have been demarcated with white lines—angled markings on wider roads and parallel lines on narrower ones. Each parking slot has been sized appropriately—1m x 2.5m for two-wheelers and 5m x 2.5m for four-wheelers, ensuring optimal usage of available road space.

The initiative has received a positive response from vehicle owners, according to NMC officials. According to Executive Engineer Ravindra Bundhade, the NMC had earlier conducted joint inspections with the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) at various city locations to assess parking requirements.

Based on this survey, the white markings were implemented to promote orderliness and make more pedestrian space available. NMC officials believe the move will significantly ease vehicular movement and encourage citizens to



utilize designated parking slots. It will also reduce illegal roadside parking and enhance pedestrian safety, as freed-up spaces will allow for smoother foot traffic. The NMC has appealed to citizens to cooperate by parking only in marked zones and adhering to traffic regulations for the betterment of city infrastructure and traffic discipline.

Major Roads with Marked Parking Spaces Include:

- * Mate Chowk to Pratap Nagar Chowk
- * Bhaji Mandi Chowk to Orange City Hospital Chowk
- * Pratap Nagar Chowk to Mangalmurti Chowk
- * Bajaj Nagar Chowk to Deendayal Upadhyay Chowk
- * Deendayal Chowk to Aath Rasta Chowk
- * Aath Rasta to Orange City Hospital
- * Mangalmurti to London Street Chowk
- * Manpa Dhantoli Zone Office to Congress Nagar T-Point
- * Lokmat Chowk to Agriculture Boys Hostel to Alankar Chowk
- * Ravi Nagar Chowk to Ramnagar Rotary
- * Metro Rail House to VCA Ground Chowk
- * Ladies Club Chowk to Akashwani Chowk
- * Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Chowk to

VCA Stadium Chowk

- * Bata Chowk to Crossword (in front of NMC main road)
- * General Awari Chowk to Reshimbagh Chowk
- * Medical Square to Krida Chowk
- * Bhandhe Plot to Tukdoji Chowk

- * Tukdoji to Rajkamal Chowk
- * SD Hospital Chowk to Gurudev Nagar via Sangam Talkies
- * Kamgar Nagar Chowk to Agyaram Devi Chowk to Kapus Bazaar
- * Medical Square to Medical College Gate via Ashok Chowk
- * Chandramani Chowk to Rameshwari Chowk to Shatabdi Chowk
- * Vaidyanath to Ashok Nagar Chowk
- * Tiranga Chowk to Sakkardhara Road
- * Jagnade Chowk to Telephone Exchange, Itwari
- * Chitnis Park to Railway Station T-Point
- * Rani Durgavati Chowk to Marwadi Chowk
- * Telephone Exchange to Chapru Nagar Chowk
- * Ambedkar to Vaishnodevi Chowk to Prajapati Chowk
- * Wardhaman Chowk to Shivaji Chowk to Bhim Chowk
- * Kamal Chowk to Vaishali Nagar
- * Chhaoni T-Point to Taj/Auliya Baba Chowk to Sub Post Office Junction, Katol Road
- * Jaripatka Police Station to Bhim Chowk

The NMC emphasized that this initiative is part of a broader effort to modernize Nagpur’s urban mobility and requested full cooperation from the public.

Security guard murdered outside scrap shop in Nandanvan, police launch manhunt

Nagpur 14 June: A security guard stationed at a scrap shop in Nandanvan was brutally murdered by unidentified assailants in the early hours of Saturday, June 14. The incident has sent shockwaves through the local area and prompted swift police action. The deceased has been identified as Abdul, who worked as a night security guard at the shop. According to police sources, Abdul was attacked around 2 am



on the intervening night of Friday and Saturday by unknown assailants. He sustained grievous injuries in the assault and succumbed to them on the spot. Upon receiving information, Nandanvan police personnel arrived at the scene and shifted the body to Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) for post-mortem. A case of murder has been registered at Nandanvan Police Station. Police have launched a manhunt to trace the accused, and efforts are underway to examine CCTV footage from the vicinity and question locals to identify potential suspects. Further investigation is ongoing.

3 Records of Virender Sehwag that might never be broken

Virender Sehwag is of the finest opening batters that Indian cricket produced. Test cricket was his happy hunting ground, where he amassed 8586 runs in 104 matches at an average of 49.34. He was exceptional in the ODIs as well and accumulated 8273 runs in 251 games at a strike rate of 104.33. During the legendary cricketer's playing days which saw him demolish top-quality bowling attacks for fun, he broke many records and also created some. However, there are some of his mind-boggling records that might never be broken.

Here are five records of Virender Sehwag that might never be broken

1. Fastest triple hundred by balls
India locked horns with South Africa for the first of the three-match Test series in March 2008 in Chennai. The visitors batted first and posted a mammoth total of 540 on the board with Hashim Amla (159 runs off 262 balls) top-scoring. Sehwag led India's charge with the bat and knocked the winds out of South Africa's bowling attack. He plundered 319 runs off 304 balls, including 42 fours and five



maximums. The Indian batter touched the 300-mark in just 278 deliveries, making him the fastest to score a triple ton in Test cricket. The previous quickest was 362 balls by Matthew Hayden against Zimbabwe in 2003. It has been over 14 years since Sehwag achieved the historic feat but his record is yet to be broken. Presently, there are many players in the Test arena who play a fearless brand of cricket but there have been none who have even come close to his tally. Batters live by the sword and die by it and thus players crossing the 300-mark occur once in a blue moon. Therefore, breaking Sehwag's record is a herculean task.

2. Only Indian batter to score

two triple hundreds in Test cricket

There have been many legendary Indian batters that have played the longest format of the game. Top-drawer players such as Sunil Gavaskar, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, and VVS Laxman have represented India in the Test arena but Sehwag is the only cricketer to have scored two triple centuries. The Delhi-batter's first triple ton came against Pakistan in March 2004 in Multan. He hammered a potent Pakistan bowling attack all across the park and scored 309 runs off 375 balls. Sehwag breached the 300-mark for the second time against South Africa in 2008 in Chennai. It does not appear that Virender's record of scoring two triple centuries will be broken by any Indian cricketer. Till date, Karun Nair is the only other Indian batter to have scored a triple ton but he is currently not part of the Indian Test set-up. Moreover, Kohli who is India's run machine is also yet to touch the 300-mark in the longest format of the game. Thus, the chances of a player hitting two triple tons in an era where pitches aid the bowlers, are quite bleak.

3. Most runs by an Indian batter in a day in Test cricket

India took the stage alongside Sri Lanka for the final game of the three-match Test series in December 2009. The Lankan Lions batted first and posted 393 runs on the board with Tillakaratne Dilshan (109 runs off 160 deliveries) top-scoring. It was the first session of Day 2 as Sehwag and Murali Vijay started India's proceedings with the bat. Virender put on the exhibition of his flamboyant stroke play and smashed 284 runs on that day itself. The staggering tally is the most runs by an Indian batter in a day's play in the longest format of the game. The previous best is also Sehwag's 257 run-effort against South Africa in 2008. The Indian cricketer next on the list is Karun. He smashed 232 runs on the fourth day of the fifth Test against England in December 2016. But the ace batter is presently not in India's scheme of things across formats. India presently have Rishabh Pant who is known for his aggressive brand of cricket but he has not been able to convert starts to three-figure marks consistently. Moreover, nowadays, pitches used for Test cricket have a lot of assistance for the bowlers, and surpassing Sehwag's tally is pretty challenging.

An ancient fortress steeped in legend and mystery

Within Pune lies an ancient fortress steeped in legend and mystery: Shaniwar Wada. Once an opulent seven-storied palace, today only its foundation remains standing. As soon as you step through the grand gates of Shaniwar Wada, you'll feel the weight of history permeate through every brick and stone - from when its construction started by the powerful Peshwa Bajirao I in 1732 until a devastating fire consumed it in 1828! Such was its grandeur of construction that it took two years for completion - making this building an architectural marvel at its time!

The magnificence of Shaniwar Wada

Shaniwar Wada in Pune, India, is an enchanting historical masterpiece constructed during the 18th century at a cost of 16,110 INR. Comprising five grand doors - Dilli Darwaja for general visitors to Jambul or Narayan Darwaja that served concubines or mistresses exclusively - each is purposed differently with intricate carvings on teak doorways, majestic pillars, marble floors and the breathtaking Hazari Karanj or Fountain of Thousand Jets creating an experience you won't forget.

Unravelling incredible stories

Shaniwar Wada has played an influential role in several significant historical events, most notably the assassination of Peshwa Narayanrao in 1889. Due to this tragic event, it is said to be haunted - adding another dimension of mystery and fascination for visitors interested in history and architecture alike.

Explore the nearby attractions

Dagdusheth Halwai Ganapati Temple: Just steps from Shaniwar Wada, this popular temple dedicated to Lord Ganesha provides an incredible opportunity for cultural immersion and witnessing colourful rituals and ceremonies.

Peshwa Museum: Housed within the fortification, this museum provides visitors with an in-depth glimpse into the Peshwa dynasty through a collection of weapons, armour and everyday items from its time period. Pune is famous for its vibrant food culture and offers numerous eateries around Shaniwar Wada where you can sample delicious regional delicacies.

Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum: Situated just a short drive away, this museum houses an extensive collection of artefacts depicting Maharashtra's culture and art history.

Tejas Mk2 vs Gripen E: Light Combat Aircraft Face-off

As global air forces modernize their fleets, light combat aircraft (LCA) are gaining renewed attention for their affordability, agility, and versatility. Two contenders standing out in this domain are India's Tejas Mk2 and Sweden's Saab Gripen E. While both fighters are designed for multi-role operations and strike a balance between cost and performance, they are products of different defense philosophies and strategic requirements. This article offers an in-depth comparison of the Tejas Mk2 and Gripen E across various parameters including design, avionics, engine performance, weapon systems, operational costs, and export potential.



and advanced interoperability with NATO forces. Developed with partial collaboration with Brazil (Gripen E/F variant), it reflects Saab's modular and export-oriented design strategy.

First flight: 2017
Service entry: In progress with Swedish and Brazilian Air Forces

2. Airframe and Design Philosophy

Tejas Mk2
The Tejas Mk2 adopts a canard-delta configuration, enhancing its agility and maneuverability. It has a larger airframe than the Mk1, extended fuselage for more internal fuel, and a redesigned cockpit and undercarriage. Emphasis is placed on reduced radar cross-section (RCS) through structural shaping and composites.
Length: ~14.6m
Max Takeoff Weight (MTOW): ~17.5 tons
Internal fuel: ~3,400 kg
Wing design: Cropped delta with close-coupled canards
Gripen E
Gripen E also features a delta wing with canards, allowing excellent short take-off and landing (STOL) capability.

Who is the owner of Delhi's Connaught Place?

Connaught Place, an iconic spot for the Delhiites, truly captures the heart of Delhi with its blend of historic charm and lively atmosphere. Whether it's shopping at Janpath, grabbing a bite at one of the many eateries, or just soaking in the buzz, Connaught Place has something for everyone. It is a perfect and favorite hangout. It is one of the largest business, financial, and commercial centres in Delhi. But who owns Connaught Place? Notably, Connaught Place is also commonly known as CP. In 1929, Connaught Place was constructed by the British. It was designed by architect Robert Tor Russell. The iconic place got its name from Prince Arthur, the Duke of Connaught, a member of the British royal family. He was Queen Victoria's third son and the uncle of King George VI. In 1921, Prince Arthur visited India, and the market was subsequently named in his honor during the colonial era. Its distinctive circular layout with radiating roads draws inspiration from Georgian



architectural styles in Britain. Connaught Place, a high-demand commercial real estate area, is divided into several blocks, each owned by different individuals or families. While the land and overall administration of Connaught Place are managed by the Government of India, the buildings within CP are privately owned. The ownership of individual shops and buildings varies, making the property landscape quite diverse. In the early days, many shops were established by traders who initially operated around the Kashmir Gate area. Notable names among them include Harnarain Gopinath (commonly known as Harnarains), Kanter's, Galgotia, and Snowwhite. Some families even managed to lease numerous shops, with a few holding as many as 50 outlets.

Meet IAS Officer Who Left Rs 1 Crore Job To Clear UPSC Civil Service In First Attempt; The IIT Topper Got AIR....

The UPSC Civil Services Examination (CSE) is one of India's most prestigious and competitive exams, conducted by the Union Public Service Commission. It is held annually to recruit candidates for top administrative positions like IAS, IPS, and IFS. The exam has three stages—Prelims, Mains, and Interview—and tests a candidate's knowledge, analytical ability, and decision-making skills. It is considered a gateway to India's elite civil services. Conducted by the Union Public Service Commission, the exam is known as one of the toughest in India because of its intense competition and extensive syllabus. A young IIT graduate left a high-paying job reportedly worth Rs 1 crore to pursue his dream of becoming an IAS officer and secured AIR 1 in his very first attempt. Kanishak Kataria, a native of Jaipur, Rajasthan, earned his B.Tech with Honours in Computer Science and Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay. He soon secured a high-paying job at Samsung in South



Korea. Although he was earning a salary of Rs 1 crore, Kanishak always aspired to become an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer. Kanishak has an impressive academic record. He secured All India Rank (AIR) 44 in the IIT JEE 2010. In 2009, he achieved AIR 1 in the 11th National Science Olympiad and ranked second in the International Mathematics Olympiad. He was also awarded the Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana Scholarship in 2009 and the NTSE Scholarship in 2008. In 2017, Kanishak Kataria quit his job and returned to Jaipur with a clear goal of cracking the highly competitive UPSC Civil Services Examination. With strong dedication, he

appeared for the exam and achieved outstanding success by securing All India Rank 1 in his very first attempt—a remarkable feat that inspired aspirants nationwide. Kanishak Kataria topped the Civil Services Examination in 2018.

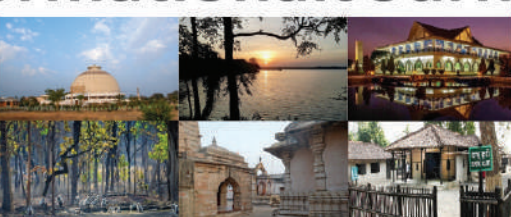
He was inspired to join public service by his father, Sanwar Mal Verma, an IAS officer who served as the Director of the Social Justice and Empowerment Department in Rajasthan. In the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2018, Kanishak Kataria secured 942 marks in the written test and 179 marks in the personality test, bringing his total to 1121 marks. He cleared the exam with mathematics as his optional subject.

An Emerging Excellence: Nagpur's Transformational Journey

Liases Foras, India's leading non-broking real estate research company, has unveiled its comprehensive report, "An Emerging Excellence: City of Nagpur," shedding light on the city's rapid transformation and its emergence as a major urban hub in India. This report delves into the broader urbanization trends across the nation while highlighting Nagpur's role as a standout metropolis driving India's urban future.

India is experiencing unprecedented urban growth, with its urban population projected to reach 43% by 2036. Urban centers now contribute over 60% of the national GDP, a figure expected to soar to 75% by 2030. As major metropolitan cities grapple with overcrowding, cities like Nagpur are emerging as pivotal engines of economic growth and investment. It is new urban centers, like Nagpur, that now house nearly half of India's urban population. With robust infrastructure, superior quality of life, relatively affordable living standards, and significant government initiatives like Smart City Mission, AMRUT, and UDAN, these cities are becoming attractive alternatives to strained metropolitan cities for businesses and residents alike.

Strategically located at the Zero Mile marker, Nagpur's evolution into a key urban center is driven by several factors: Connectivity: Nagpur stands as a rising connectivity hub with the Rs60,000-crore Nagpur-Mumbai Samruddhi Expressway, complemented by major national highways like NH 44 (Srinagar in J & K to Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu) and NH 53 (Hajira in Gujarat to Paradeep Port in Odisha). The city is further empowered by a Rs10,000-crore metro network with over 40 operational stations and 30 more underway. Additionally, the Dr. Babasaheb



Ambedkar International Airport is undergoing a massive Rs7,000-crore, 2,000-acre expansion, positioning it to emerge as Asia's largest logistics hub under the ambitious MIHAN project. Social Infrastructure:

Home to premier educational institutions like IIM Nagpur and VNIT, along with advanced healthcare facilities like AIIMS and National Cancer Institute, Nagpur is emerging as an education and healthcare hub for India.

-Market Overview:

The southern zones of Nagpur, led by Samruddhi Circle, MIHAN and Wardha Road, dominate the real estate market, with a surge in demand for high-end residential plots, apartments and villas.

-Living Environment:

Nagpur stands out as India's second-greenest city, offering superior air quality and a low risk of natural disasters. Its excellent livability quotient is further enhanced by a decline in crime rates, making it an attractive destination for families and professionals. Tourism: Known as the "Tiger Capital of India," Nagpur's proximity to prominent tiger reserves like Pench and its iconic sites like Deekshabhoomi position it as a significant cultural and wildlife tourism hub.

With its strategic location, growing population, and thriving industrial base, Nagpur is poised to redefine urban living in India. Projects like the Rs30,000-crore MIHAN, the Rs60,000-crore Samruddhi Expressway, and expanding metro corridors are set to propel the city into a new era of economic and social prominence,

helping the state of Maharashtra realise India's vision to be a \$5 trillion economy.

Nagpur's story exemplifies the opportunities within India's fast growing cities Tier-II cities, proving that with strategic investments, robust infrastructure, policy support from the government and community-centric initiatives, urban centers with strong fundamentals can achieve unprecedented growth.

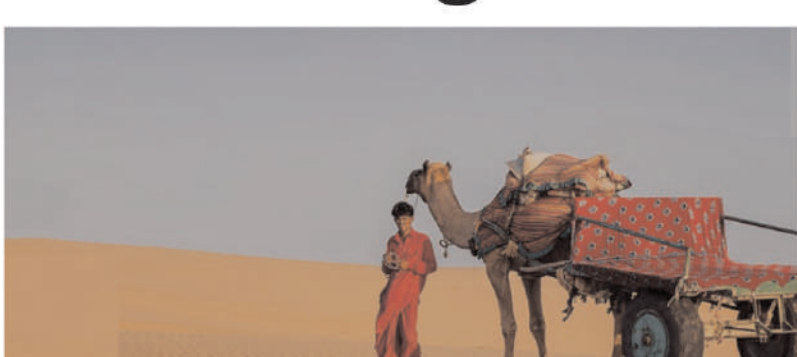
Liases Foras remains committed to empowering stakeholders with insightful research that not only highlights such success stories but also inspires urban planning and investments geared towards sustainable development. As India marches toward a city-centric future, Nagpur stands as a beacon of progress and potential.

About Liases Foras:
Founded in 1998, Liases Foras is India's only non-broking real estate research company.

Our services are grounded in data and science, spanning market intelligence, risk advisory, and valuations for lenders, mortgage companies, developers, funds, and corporations. Our expertise in real estate pricing and understanding market dynamics enables clients to identify opportunities and mitigate risks effectively. With an unparalleled database covering 60 cities across India since 2003, Liases Foras is widely recognized as a leading authority in real estate research. Our unbiased, in-depth analysis and advisory services stem from a commitment to scientific principles and economic geography, offering clarity in a complex industry.

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Desert magic in the heart of Thar



Welcome to Jaisalmer, the 'Golden City' of India, where time seems to have stood still and history is brought to life. This enchanting city located in the heart of the Thar Desert, is a traveller's delight with grand fortresses, ancient temples, tranquil lakes, and mesmerising sand dunes. Steeped in rich cultural heritage, Jaisalmer exudes an old-world charm that is hard to resist. A thriving centre of trade and commerce since medieval times, the grandeur and opulence of Jaisalmer's rich past are still reflected in its imposing palaces, ornate havelis, and colourful bazaars. And yet, Jaisalmer offers far more than a peep into its awe-inspiring past. It

adds a thrill to your visit with a diverse range of activities, from desert safaris and camel rides to camping, folk dances, and music performances. With its vivid mix of colours, sights, sounds, and tastes, Jaisalmer is truly an extraordinary destination.

Kuldhara, Jaisalmer
Of history, mystery, and natural beauty

Step into the captivating world of Jaisalmer, where history, mystery, and natural beauty converge to offer an unforgettable experience. Jaisalmer traces its inception to the 12th century. As per legend, Raja Rawal Jaisal was looking for a new location for his capital when he met a

sage who told him about a prophecy by Lord Krishna that a descendant of his Yaduvanshi clan would establish a new kingdom at this site, atop Trikuta Hill. As the story goes, he was told that Lord Krishna had blessed the spot, and a fort built there would be almost invisible to enemies. It was at that very site where he built the magnificent Jaisalmer Fort, the city's most prominent attraction and a stunning UNESCO World Heritage Site, which rises like a gigantic mirage out of the sands of Thar desert. The only 'living fort' in Rajasthan, it has nearly 3000 residents within its walls, along with temples, shops and restaurants. Nearby, the haunting

allure of Kuldhara, an abandoned village steeped in mystery and intrigue, draws you in to explore its mystical folklore. And the Akal Wood Fossil Park takes you on a journey through time, where prehistoric fossils offer a glimpse into the Earth's ancient past, while the natural splendour of Gadisar Lake presents an oasis of serenity amidst the arid surroundings.

Indulge in a culinary adventure

If Jaisalmer is a visual wonder on steroids, its culinary delicacies are not far behind. The unique treats with their aromatic spices and flavours will have you craving for more. Succumb to the temptation of its mouth-watering street foods like Mirchi Bhajiya and Pyaz ki kachori, along with its local coolers like Kesariya Thandai and Makhania Lassi, the perfect pick me up in its hot and arid climate. If you'd like to check out some authentic Rajasthani meals, you might want to try Dal Baati Choorma, Gatte ki sabzi, Kadhi, Ker Sangri or the non-vegetarian speciality - Rajasthani Laal Maas. While you will find these offerings at most local eateries, an unforgettable Jaisalmer experience is an authentic Rajasthani meal at one of the many picturesque rooftop restaurants with a view of the city skyline.

Untamed beauty of nature

In Jaisalmer, nature reveals its raw and captivating beauty, inviting you to explore its vast expanse of golden sands and serene oases. Witness the spellbinding sunrise and sunset over the majestic sand dunes of the Thar Desert, where you can engage in thrilling activities like camel rides and desert safaris. Immerse yourself in the tranquility of Gadisar Lake, a serene oasis nestled within the heart of the city, offering peaceful boat rides and breath-taking views of the surrounding landscape. For a glimpse into the diverse wildlife of the region, embark on a safari adventure in the Desert National Park, home to exotic species like the Great Indian Bustard and a myriad of migratory birds. Experience the unparalleled magic and wonders of nature in desert sands.

Time to plan your escapade
The allure of Jaisalmer is incomparable. The majestic beauty of the landscape. The rhythmic beats of folk music and dance. The thrill of adventure amidst the golden sands of the desert. It has something for everybody. And with the best time to visit spanning from November to March, when temperatures are mild and outdoor excursions are at their peak, plan your winter escapade to the magic of Jaisalmer now.