

## BULLS EYE

Celebrate Kumbhotsav!

A few days ago, we went to Nashik for a program. We thought that the Kumbh Mela that will be held in Nashik in 2026-27 would be in full swing for that Kumbh Mela. We deliberately inquired. But the funny thing is that no management has been started for the Kumbh Mela in Nashik yet. Last year, a very large-scale planning and arrangement of the Kumbh Mela was done in Prayagraj, it is said that the preparations for it had been going on since five years ago. In addition, it is also said that the Uttar Pradesh government had earned crores of rupees due to the Kumbh Mela. For many, the preparations for the Kumbh Mela, i.e. the Simhastha, were being witnessed in person from a tent rented for a thousand rupees. Here in our Nashik area, a debate has started between Nashik or Trimbakeshwar. The Akhara Parishad and the Sadhu Mahant were making a lot of noise about this. The dates for the Amrit Snan of this Simhastha were not being fixed. Due to all this, there were reports of a lot of fighting between the Akhara Parishad, Sadhu-Mahant and Purohit Sangh. In fact, the Purohit Sangh and Sadhu-Mahant take the initiative in determining the dates of Amrit Snan. A total of six Amrit Snans are performed in this Simhastha or Kumbh Mela. Out of these, three are divided into three for Shivas and three for Vaishnavites. It is necessary for the government, police administration, and other systems to be ready for the Simhastha festival. The Chief Minister announcing the dates of Amrit Snans. This is a sign that the Sundopasundi in the Akhara is going on. In our country, this Kumbh Mela is famous for the name of Nashik. But this time the name of this Simhastha will be Trimbakeshwar-Nashik. It can be said that the Chief Minister has given more importance to Trimbakeshwar than Nashik. As we have said above, the work of Kumbh Mela in other places starts much earlier. Kumbh Mela has an attraction for the whole world. This requires a lot of planning. Many development works have to be done. Currently, since the central government and the state government are of the same party, there is no possibility of any problem anywhere. Plans worth almost Rs 25,000 crore have been prepared for the Kumbh Mela. But it is said that the government has not yet decided on that. Till we were in Nashik ten to twelve days ago, not even a single penny had come from the government. It is said that the initial works worth almost Rs 6,000 crore have not even started. It is said that a tender of more than Rs 15,000 crore has been floated for the cleaning of Godavari. It is said that the local Shiv Sena has objected to it. The land required for the residence of the sadhus and mahants there. The planning for that has not even started yet. It was expected that the Nashik king would have this tremendously attractive management like the Prayagraj king. But in Maharashtra, which is many times richer and more developed than Uttar Pradesh, the planning committee for the work of the Simhastha has not even been announced yet. Sadhus and saints should be included in that planning committee. Strong efforts are being made for this. But there does not seem to be any peace there either. The Nashik area where this grand ceremony is going to be held. The government with a huge majority has not yet been able to provide a simple guardian minister for that district. It seems that Girish Mahajan has been entrusted with the overall management of the Simhastha Mela. But since the rest of the important public representatives of this district are equally important for this Simhastha festival, it is necessary to entrust them with important tasks. How the religious flag of this Simhastha will be hoisted under the burden of differences and mutual distrust is a very important question. Ten to fifteen crore devotees will come to this Simhastha with great devotion. There was a large loss of life in the stampede in the Prayagraj area. Such a thing should not happen or be tarnished in Maharashtra, which is disciplined and most progressive and also a planner. This is the expectation of well-wishing and devoted people like us. The kind of expensive arrangements that were made in Prayagraj. Such arrangements were not made. However, at least guest number one, which means VVIP, guest number two, which means VIP, guest number three, which means IP and guest number four, which means P, which means the general public, can all take bath in the Kumbh Parva with ease. Such an arrangement is necessary. In the previous Kumbh Mela in Nashik, there was extreme anger everywhere due to excessive security. Therefore, this time too, there is a lot of apathy among the local people in Nashik city. The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh had given global fame to the Kumbh Mela in his state. Maharashtra, which once hoisted the Marathi flag in many parts of the country, has an opportunity on the occasion of this Simhastha to show its Maharashtra flag by unhindered hoisting it. The entire people, under the leadership of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, should make a determination to make this Kumbh Mela on the banks of Godavari a success by pouring a lot of planning into the Kumbh of such a Simhastha Kumbh Mela. That determination should succeed without any hindrance. This is our only wish that everyone should celebrate the Kumbhotsav.

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## PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENTARIAN....



People from various walks of life converged at Union Minister Nitin Gadkari's PR office in Khajura, Nagpur on Sunday. Some presented innovative ideas while others including the elderly & disabled brethren thanked the parliamentarian for assisting them with their healthcare related requirements. Still others highlighted their artistic skills as can be seen in case of this artist who presented the Nagpur MP with his own sketch.

# Bridge on Indrayani river collapses; 2 killed, several feared swept away

**Pune 15 June:** An old bridge collapsed over the Indrayani River near Kundamala village in Maharashtra's Pune district on Sunday. Two people have died, and around five to seven rescued people have been sent to the hospital, police confirmed. "This was an old dilapidated iron bridge that collapsed around 4 PM. According to the preliminary information, 2 people have died and around 5-7 rescued people have been sent to the hospital... NDRF and local police have been deployed for the rescue operation..." said Zone 2 DCP Vishal Gaikwad. Meanwhile, a search operation is being conducted on a war footing as some people are swept away. The incident happened under the jurisdiction of the Pimpri-



Chinchwad Police. According to initial reports, five to six people have been rescued. "Ten to fifteen people are feared trapped. Five to six people have been rescued. More details are awaited," the Pimpri-Chinchwad Police told journalists. One of the members carrying out the rescue

operation told reporters, "The rescue operation is underway. Some people have been saved. We don't know for sure, but possibly 20-25 people are likely trapped under the debris of the collapsed bridge." Following the bridge collapse, Maharashtra Chief

Minister Devendra Fadnavis confirmed that the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and local authorities are conducting rescue operations. Following the incident, NCP (SP) MP Supriya Sule tweeted, "A bridge over the Indrayani river collapsed at Kundamala in Maval taluka of Pune district. It is feared that some citizens on the bridge may have been swept away. This incident is very unfortunate, and I pray to God that all these citizens are safe. I have spoken to the District Collector, Pune, regarding this incident, and he is sending all necessary help. My humble request to the citizens is that they please take necessary precautions while going for monsoon tourism. Follow the safety rules strictly."

## Wani trio die in helicopter mishap

**WANI / RAMESH TAMBE / NAGPUR POST:** Mourning has spread in Wani city and Yavatmal district after the death of coal businessman Rajkumar Jaiswal, his wife and two-year-old daughter in a helicopter accident at Kedarnath. Rajkumar Jaiswal was returning from Kedarnath by helicopter at 5:20 am today, June 15, when the helicopter crashed due to bad weather. It has been reported that seven people including the pilot died in it. According to the Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Authority, the passengers include passengers from Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, and Gujarat. Three members of the same family, Rajkumar Jaiswal, 41, a coal businessman from Nandepera Road Wani in Yavatmal district of Maharashtra, Shradha Rajkumar Jaiswal and Kashi Rajkumar Jaiswal, 2, died in this helicopter. A year ago, Rajkumar Jaiswal had organized a Kashi Mahashivpuran story in the name of his daughter. Thousands of devotees from



Maharashtra and other states attended this. Rajkumar Jaiswal was a friendly person and was a pioneer in any religious programme. Fortunately, his son was with his grandfather in Pandharkawada. Due to the death of Rajkumar Jaiswal in a helicopter crash, there is mourning in Yavatmal district and the Wani area.

## PM Modi arrives in Cyprus



**Nicosia/New Delhi, June 15 (UNI)** Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Cyprus on Sunday and was welcomed at the airport by President Nikos Christodoulides in a special gesture. In a post on X, the PM said that his visit will add significant momentum to the bilateral relations, especially in areas like trade, investment and more. "Landed in Cyprus. My gratitude to the President of Cyprus, Mr. Nikos Christodoulides for the special gesture of welcoming me at the airport."

## CM Fadnavis expresses grief over Uttarakhand chopper crash

**Mumbai, June 15 (UNI)** Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday expressed grief over the death of all seven people on board a helicopter, ferrying pilgrims from Kedarnath, that crashed near Gaurikund in Uttarakhand Sunday morning. A toddler was among the deceased. Fadnavis extended his condolences over the loss of lives, particularly the three victims

from his state. In his message on X, he wrote, "Deeply pained by the tragic accident where passengers lost their lives in a helicopter crash near Gaurikund in Uttarakhand this morning while travelling from Kedarnath to Guptkashi. Among the victims were devotees from Maharashtra as well. I express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families. We stand in solidarity with all those affected."

## Pune gangster killed in encounter with cops

**Pune, June 15 (UNI)** A notorious criminal was killed in alleged encounter with Pune Crime Branch team in Solapur district on Sunday. Criminal was identified as Shahrulkh Rahim Sheikh alias Atty (23). Shahrulkh was absconding and Pune police were looking for him for a long time. Acting on a reliable information that he was hiding near Lamboti village in Solapur for past few days, a Crime Branch team went to Lamboti on Saturday midnight to arrest him. Police raided the house where he was hiding. Upon seeing police, Shahrulkh Sheikh allegedly opened fire at police team.

## Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut criticises CM Fadnavis

**Mumbai, June 15 (UNI)** Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut on Sunday lashed out at Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, accusing him of having started preparations to win upcoming municipal elections with corrupt means just as he won the state assembly elections by cheating. Comparing Fadnavis to a 'madari' (street performers who used to perform tricks with trained animals like monkeys or bears), the Sena-UBT leader alleged that he has power, money, builder lobby with him and hence, he can commit corruption and can make everyone dance. But



Thackeray brand is the brand of Mumbai and Maharashtra, and no one be it (Narendra) Modi-(Amit) Shah or even Fadnavis, can finish this brand, he said and asserted that Thackeray brand is invincible. "No matter how Modi, Shah and Fadnavis have brought and raised money from a big builder lobby, they cannot compete with this brand," he said.

## Thane Metro Project set to begin with Rs 1400 crore approval

**Mumbai, June 15 (UNI)** Following the legal recognition granted by the Central Government, the foundation stone for the much-anticipated Thane Metro Rail project is expected to be laid shortly. Thane MP Naresh Mhaske on Sunday said the development came following persistent efforts by Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. Mhaske said an initial fund allocation of Rs 1400 crore has been approved for the private metro project in Thane. The Thane Metro stands out as possibly the only metro rail project in India designed solely to cater to the commuting needs within a single city. The project, known as the 'Thane Inner Ring Railway Metro' or circular metro, aims to facilitate seamless travel for Thane residents, significantly reducing their travel time and easing urban congestion. Both the Central and State Governments have given their nod to this initiative. Mhaske said that the target for completing the 'Thane Inner Ring Railway Metro' is set for the year 2029, promising a transformative impact on the city's public transportation landscape. The metro corridor, spanning approximately 29 KM with 22 stations, will run along the western periphery of Thane, bordered by the Ulhas River on one side and Sanjay Gandhi National Park on the other. The project, estimated to cost around Rs 12,200 crore.

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## AIIMS Nagpur a centre of innovation: JP Nadda

**Nagpur 15 June:** AIIMS Nagpur recently became the country's first institution to host a national-level Best Practices Conclave, an initiative launched by the Union ministry of health and family welfare. Union health minister Jagat Prakash Nadda virtually inaugurated the two-day event, which brought together directors and senior faculty from AIIMS institutes across India. Calling AIIMS Nagpur a "torchbearer of innovation and leadership", Nadda lauded the institute for taking the lead in convening this pioneering conclave. The event aims to showcase and share successful models in medical education, patient care, hospital governance, and digital transformation among the new-generation AIIMS. "This conclave is a pioneering initiative that seeks to consolidate the rich experiences of new AIIMS in three key domains: teaching, learning and research; hospital services; and governance and patient convenience," Nadda said. He emphasized that institutions like AIIMS Nagpur are not only addressing



regional health disparities but also making significant contributions to research, education, and affordable healthcare delivery, particularly in underserved regions such as Vidarbha. Underlining the govt's commitment to excellence, Nadda noted that all AIIMS campuses are redefining patient care by offering high-quality, evidence-based, and affordable treatment backed by state-of-the-art infrastructure and specialised services. AIIMS Nagpur came in for the minister's special praise for its role in promoting interdisciplinary research and structured mentorship in line with national health goals. Union health secretary Punya Salila Srivastava, in

her inaugural address, stressed the importance of leadership and collaborative growth. "Institutional growth will depend on the leader's vision.

I encourage all institutions to learn from the best practices of their peers and take forward the govt's mission of excellence in medical education and universal healthcare," she said. Dr Prashant Joshi, executive director and CEO of AIIMS Nagpur, said, "It is a matter of pride for Nagpur and central India that this historic first edition of the Best Practices Conclave is being held here.

AIIMS Nagpur remains committed to becoming a model institution that integrates regional relevance with national standards in teaching, research, and patient care. "Participating institutions included AIIMS Bhopal, AIIMS Jammu, AIIMS Jodhpur, AIIMS Bilaspur, AIIMS Patna, AIIMS Raipur, AIIMS Deoghar, AIIMS Guwahati, and others, along with representatives from PMSSY and the ministry of defence.

## Umaid Khan secures AIR 21 in NEET UG 2025, likely city topper

**Nagpur 15 June:** Umaid Khan, a student of Indian Olympiad School, has likely emerged as the top NEET UG 2025 scorer from the city, securing an exceptional All India Rank (AIR) of 21. The results were announced on Saturday. A consistent performer, Umaid had earlier achieved 95.6% in both his Class X and XII board exams. Expressing his long-standing passion for medicine, Umaid shared that his journey began in Class IX, with a firm resolve to crack NEET. He now aims to pursue MBBS at the prestigious All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. Recalling the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Umaid said, "Watching doctors confront immense challenges during the crisis made me realise the urgent need for more medical professionals in our country. A growing number of doctors will help ease the burden on existing ones and improve healthcare outcomes."

Offering guidance to aspiring NEET candidates, he stressed the importance of choosing medicine thoughtfully. "This field demands unwavering dedication and deep academic focus. It's not a decision to be made in haste," he advised. Umaid hails from a supportive family background. His father, Furquan Ahmed Khan, is a civil engineer, while his mother, Shaheen Parveen, is a homemaker. He is the youngest of three brothers—Adeel Khan, an MTech in Structural Engineering, and Areeb Khan, a final-year MBBS student at Government Medical College, Yavatmal. Grateful for the encouragement he received, Umaid said, "My family and teachers have been my pillars of strength. My brother's guidance helped me navigate challenges, and I learned to focus on self-improvement instead of comparisons."

## Youth commits suicide

**Mul 15 June (NAGPUR POST):** Vinod Bhaui Chaudhari (35) years old, resident of Maroda Adarsh Nagar, situated at a distance of about 9 km from Mul, hanged himself in his own field in Somnath area. A young man committed suicide by hanging himself in a field in Somnath area. Someone saw the body hanging from a mango tree and informed the people of Maroda village about it, after which people from Maroda reached there and it became clear that the body hanging from the tree was of Vinod. The information of which was given to Mul police. The reason behind the hanging is not clear. Maroda Police Patil Rahul Watgure has given information about the incident.

This incident is said to have happened on Sunday morning, 15th. This is the second tragic incident of this week in Maroda. Before this, a murder case had occurred in which the owner had killed his Diwanji.

## School director nabbed in Shalarth ID Scam

**Nagpur 15 June:** The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Shalarth ID scam in the education department on Saturday arrested Dilip Dhote, the director of a prominent school at Mohpa, Kalmeshwar. The arrest follows an extensive interrogation and investigation into the scam, which caused significant financial losses to the state exchequer. According to official sources, Dhote allegedly bypassed the headmaster to create and regularise Shalarth IDs for teachers, enabling unauthorised appointments. He is accused of facilitating the recruitment of several teachers using forged documents and approving their salaries and arrears dating back to 2013-14. Additionally, Dhote allegedly transferred these teachers to other schools under his management. Sources said that Dhote allegedly used coercive tactics and threatened to withhold salaries of teachers or staff who opposed his actions. The SIT's probe uncovered evidence of systematic manipulation, prompting swift action against Dhote. The arrest sent shock waves through the local education community, raising concerns about oversight in school administrations. Authorities are investigating to identify other individuals involved in the scam and to assess the full extent of the financial damage. Dhote is currently in custody.



## TATR looking beyond safaris

**Chandrapur 15 June:** Tiger Reserve (TATR) is set to transform wildlife tourism in Maharashtra by providing customised 'experiences' in the buffer zone, rather than just the routine hop-and-ride safari. TATR, through a rigorous process, will select a reputable tour operator agency which will be responsible for creating tailor-made experiences for tourists, which goes beyond 'tiger sighting'.

The selected agency will be called "official partner of TATR", a tag the firm can use in its branding and marketing creatives. Prabhu Nath Shukla, field director of (TATR), said the plan will be limited to the buffer zone of the TATR. "Our aim is to provide tourists coming here with a plethora of activities to choose from. Many times, we have tourists who reach directly at the gate, only to find that no safari slots are available. Also, tourists with booked slots have free time in between the morning and evening safaris. This project will give such tourists more options," Shukla said. TATR, through its official partner, will prepare tailor-made itineraries showcasing the buffer area's wildlife, landscapes, and local culture. Each tour package will emphasize eco-friendly practices and intimate wildlife encounters (guided safaris,

birdwatching, nature walks, etc.), heritage walks, apart from religious and scientific exposure visits. TATR wants each visitor to leave with a lasting impression of the destination; one that deeply connects them with its people, places, and unique ethos. "In the buffer zone we have many villages where the local culture can be shown.

There are adventure activities like kayaking and boating which tourists can enjoy. There are many other areas of tourist interest which will be identified, and the official partner will then market it," Shukla added. The project will also provide employment to locals and optimize revenue for the govt. "This will help tourists to explore all gates and surrounding areas. It will help in spreading the tourist load and generate revenue," Shukla said. While the official partner will prepare customized 'tour experiences' and market it to a worldwide audience, TATR management will facilitate necessary logistics, swift permissions, and ensure tourists' safety.

Forest officials are counting on the operator's marketing acumen and TATR's resources, to enhance eco-tourism practices and generate greater awareness and revenues for conservation efforts for the region.

prayer for peace and healing. Also present on the occasion were Atul Kotecha, general secretary MPCC, Mufti Abdul Qadeer, Dr Sharfuddin Sahil, Abdus Sattar, Mohammad Zaid Ahmed, Dr SM Rajan, Dr Sumati Deodhar, Dr Sayyad Sajjuddin Gulab, Madan Kumar Kadwe, Dr Arfa S Ahmed, Dr Swati Raut, Dr Yasmin Siddiqui, Dr Seema Chikhale, Sanjay Ahir, Rabiya Khan, Victoria Simon, Tushar Meshram, teaching

and non-teaching staff and students were present in the tribute meeting.

The event reaffirmed the institution's commitment to fostering compassion, empathy, and social responsibility among its students and staff.

Principals, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, and students from various institutions under the Central India group attended the tribute meeting.

## Nagpur ATC prepared for any eventuality: Authorities

**Nagpur 15 June:** The air traffic control (ATC) tower at Nagpur airport is ready with information about its readiness to meet any emergency, if questioned by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in the backdrop of the Ahmedabad incident, said sources.

There is a protocol that follows when a full emergency is declared. The worst case can be a Mayday call by a pilot, which means total distress. The Nagpur ATC is geared up to tackle any such situation, said sources. In case an emergency emerges, an entire mechanism, including fire tenders and ambulances, kicks in on the ground. The ATC's job is also to ensure that no other flight comes in the distressed plane's proximity, a source said.

The airports are supposed to conduct drills to deal with similar situations from time to time. There are

drills for full and partial emergencies, which are held once a year. Mihaan India Limited (MIL), the airport operator has already completed the exercise for Nagpur airport, said a source.

A Mayday call is considered to be the worst situation, and often there is little chance to do anything. Then there is the Pan-Pan call, which is relayed by a pilot to indicate that there is a danger and the ATC needs to focus on it, a source said. An emergency was faced by Nagpur airport in 2021, when the pilot of a Bangladeshi aircraft suffered a heart attack, and the plane made an emergency landing in the city. It's called 'pilot incapacitation' in aviation terms. The Boeing 737 aircraft was on its way to Dhaka from Muscat when the pilot suffered a heart attack mid-air and slipped into a coma, recalled a source at the airport.

## RMH, Maharashtra cops & diplomats blur border for mentally ill woman

**Gondia 15 June:** A mentally challenged woman in her mid-30s landed in Gondia, 1,600km away from her native village in Noakhali, Bangladesh, under unexplained circumstances. She was rescued by Gondia cops, shifted to Regional Mental Hospital (RMH), Nagpur, treated, and reunited with her family after six years through diplomatic efforts and alacrity shown by Nagpur police. The remarkable reunion of the woman, Mona (name changed), with her family in Bangladesh materialised on June 12. RMH, police & diplomats blur border for mentally ill. On April 30, Mona was admitted to RMH by Gondia police. With no identification and only her name to share, she offered few clues about her origin. Under RMH's medical

care, her condition stabilised, allowing her to recall fragments of her past. This sparked a search led by social service superintendent Kunda Bidkar (Katekhaye). Bidkar's attempts to trace Mona's family in Madhya Pradesh yielded no results. Undeterred, she turned to digital tools, using Google, Facebook, and language interpreters, even involving her son to scour social media. Her persistence paid off when she connected with Tapan Prodhan of Ishwar Sankalp Foundation, Kolkata, who collaborated with Shamsul Huda in Bangladesh. Huda verified Mona's address within 15 minutes, confirming she was from Bangladesh and was missing for over six years. Her family, who searched

tirelessly, presumed she was dead. The reunion process required intricate coordination with the High Commission in Delhi and deputy commissioners in Kolkata and Mumbai. "We still don't know how she entered India and landed in Gondia," said Bidkar. Bidkar sought support from Union minister Nitin Gadkari's office and Nagpur district collector Vipin Itankar. The case was referred to the SP, Gondia, with constable Sanjay Badwaik coordinating efforts. On May 13, Mona received a travel permit, marking a critical milestone. After completing immigration formalities at Howrah railway intelligence bureau, Mona was handed over to Border Guard Bangladesh, her brother, and a Bangladeshi NGO.

## 100 Fall ill due to food poisoning, 34 hospitalised

**Bhiwapur 15 June:** A wedding celebration in Bhiwapur, in Nagpur district, took a tragic turn on Friday when nearly 100 attendees reportedly suffered food poisoning. According to local officials, 34 people were hospitalised after their condition worsened, while several others sought medical help and were discharged after initial treatment. Of those hospitalised, 30 were admitted to a local hospital in Bhiwapur. Four patients in serious condition were shifted to Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) in Nagpur, where doctors confirmed they are currently stable and under

observation. Police said the incident occurred at a wedding function late Friday. Caterers prepared food for the event reportedly between 5am and 9am and left. After that, the food was served around 2pm, during peak heat and humidity.

Later, leftover food was taken home by the bride's family and served again to guests at the evening gathering. "Initial investigation suggests that the food may have become unsafe due to prolonged exposure to high temperatures and poor storage," said a Bhiwapur police official. A case has been registered under BNS Sections 271 and 272 against the bride's father.

## MECL-MECON sign MOU

**Nagpur 15 June:** The MoU was signed in the presence of director (technical) Pankaj Pandey, director (finance), MECL Surendra Singh Kshatriya, director (technical) Amit Raj and director (commercial), MECON. The MoU was formally signed by HoD – Business Development, MECL Karthik Ramchandran and Senior General Manager (I/c) Marketing, MECON PK Das in virtual presence of senior officials from both sides. Shri Indra Dev Narayan, Chairman and Managing Director, MECL, who provided strategic direction to the initiative, congratulated both teams and expressed that this collaboration will combine MECL's extensive experience in mineral exploration with MECON's proven track record in engineering consultancy and project management.

## IIM-Nagpur & Epiroc sign MoU

**Nagpur 15 June:** The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Nagpur and Epiroc India Pvt Ltd formalised a strategic partnership through a memorandum of understanding (MoU) which aims to advance executive education and leadership development while fostering long-term industry-academia collaboration. Welcoming Nicklas Nilsson, VP (HR), Epiroc India, to the campus, Dr Bhimaraya Metri, director of IIM Nagpur, expressed enthusiasm over the new collaboration. "The MoU reflects our shared vision for value-driven growth. We aim to build capacity and nurture future-ready leadership through customised learning



and innovation," said Dr Metri. The agreement sets the framework for designing tailored executive development programmes focused on strategic thinking, innovation, operational excellence, and people-centric leadership for Epiroc India's managerial teams. Nilsson emphasised the importance of academic partnerships: "Institutions like IIM Nagpur are India's growth

engines. Their academic rigour combined with a practical approach makes them ideal capability-building partners. The MoU lays the groundwork for a sustainable, win-win relationship." CAO Lt Col Makaram Alur (ret'd), Prof Alok Kumar Singh and Prof Neelkanth Dhone of IIM Nagpur and Kabeer Gaikwad of Epiroc were also present on the occasion.

## Sports hub to be established at city's heart

**Nagpur 15 June:** The Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) is set to convert the now-defunct Barrister Sheshrao Wankhede Vidya Niketan, popularly known as Mor Hindi School in Ramdaspath, into a dedicated multi-sport facility including skating,



badminton and basketball courts with a proposed budget of Rs40-Rs50 lakh. Taking cognisance of long-pending demands from locals, NMC commissioner and administrator Dr Abhijeet Chaudhari on Friday visited the site and directed officials to immediately clear the premises and prepare a detailed plan for the sports development. As the school remained closed for several years, residents urged the civic body to make productive use of the available open ground and infrastructure by introducing recreational and sport facilities. Currently, the premises house the advanced Young Kalam Science Centre operated by HCL Foundation. Another section of the building is used by the Dharampeth zone office to store old education

department material, Covid-era supplies, and equipment seized during anti-encroachment drives. Assistant commissioner Snehalata Kumbhar informed that a contractor was already appointed to dispose of these old items and will clear the premises in the coming week. Following a complete inspection of a school grounds, Chaudhari asked sports officer Piyush Ambulkar to prepare a proposal to introduce sports amenities on the site. After visiting the place, Ambulkar told reporters the plan includes developing a skating rink, badminton and pickleball courts, and a basketball facility. "One of the indoor halls is being activated for regular badminton games, while a skating rink and basketball court will be developed outside," said

## Tributes paid to victims of Ahmedabad plane crash at Central India Group of Institutions

**Nagpur 15 June:** The Central India Group of Institutions (CIGI) held a candlelight vigil and tribute ceremony on June 14, to honour the victims of the Ahmedabad plane crash. The event was attended by prominent figures, including Congress MLA Vijay Wadetiwar and ex-minister Anees Ahmed. Ahmed expressed profound grief, stating, "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families



affected by this devastating tragedy."

The programme included a two-minute silence and

## Elevated rotary road option being assessed for Medical Square: Gadkari

**Nagpur 15 June:** An ambitious project to alleviate traffic woes at the busy Medical Square is being contemplated by Union minister Nitin Gadkari. The Nagpur MP recently said he is ideating upon a project to build an elevated rotary road to help ease the traffic flow. In a brief statement about it, Gadkari said, "At Ashok Chowk, we are planning to construct a signal-less square, like a roundabout rotary. Another thing I have in mind is, Medical Square. To build an elevated road (rotary) there." The Union minister clarified that these are in the conceptualization stage. Regarding the Liberty Square flyover, Gadkari said that the design is faulty, but it will be rectified. "I have already prepared a proposal for Rs34 crore and it has been sent for clearance. A new design has been readied for it," said Gadkari, while addressing the media on Thursday. The flyover has three landings, one at Katol Road, one at Mankapur and one between LIC Square and RBI Square. It's the landing at the latter section which is being redesigned, and it's likely that another landing might connect on the road going towards LIC Square. At this point Gadkari even called his official from the sidelines and enquired about the status of that file. After speaking with the official, Gadkari said "Work will start soon and the problem will be solved. Giving an update on other flyovers of the city, Gadkari first spoke about the Kadbi Chowk flyover going towards

Mominpura.

"All permissions have been taken and the issue (for delay) is due to encroachment at Mominpura. We have given the work to MahaRail and this will benefit everyone because directly from Mominpura you can connect to Kamptee Road." About the Pachpaoli flyover, Gadkari said, "For the flyover from Kamal Talkies, we are using the latest technology from Malaysia for construction. At Kamal Chowk, we will build a huge market where all vendors will get space." He added that a lot of flyovers have been built or approved for Nagpur, which will ultimately provide succour for traffic movement. In East Nagpur, which has got many flyover projects, Gadkari joked that there is now no space remaining. "MLA Krishna Khopde has got so many projects approved that no space is left vacant.

I told him that only a 2m wide lane remains in one of the localities, and maybe we should construct one flyover here too," said Gadkari.





## BJP ready for Umarkhed Municipal Council election

**UMARKHED / NAGPUR POST:** The local self-government body elections are about to sound soon. The elections are likely to be held in September or October. Umarkhed city Bharatiya Janata Party is ready for elections are held. BJP city president Atul Khandare expressed confidence that the saffron flag of BJP will hoist over the Umarkhed Municipal Council.



Umarkhed-Mahagaon assembly constituency is known as the stronghold of BJP. Similarly, from the point of view of Umarkhed Municipal Council, BJP has an active campaign machine and an army of dedicated workers in every ward and city. We are ready for the municipal council elections. Former MLA Namdev Sasane, MLA Kisan Wankhede and coordinator Nitin Bhutada are preparing for these election on the strength of the huge development works done and being done.

A doney is being formulated to win all the seats of the municipal council in the elections. Atul Khandare has made many people his friends since and before becoming the city president. Therefore, the strength of BJP as the BJP city president is remarkable. The party has more than one strong and willing candidate. At the same time, many willing candidates are also standing in line to join the BJP. They are currently in touch with the party elite. In such a situation, to bring BJP power back to the city council, the youth leadership Atul Khandare and the BJP Shaktikendra Pramukh, Budh Pramukh, all fronts, and cell organization levels are working. Five to ten hardworking workers in each ward have been instructed to stay in their respective

wards and pay attention to the basic amenities of the people. Atul Khandare has asked the hardworking workers of BJP to start working for the N. P. elections from now on, paying special attention to works like roads, electricity, water, sewerage and sanitation.

A big opportunity will be given to the young people in the municipality. BJP's Budhpramukh and workers have been instructed to get to work. Umarkhed N. P. Election will be fought under the leadership of newly appointed BJP city president Atul Khandare. This will be his test.

## BJP's 250 Chaupal Sabha in Yavatmal district

**YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST:** On behalf of the Bharatiya Janata Party Yavatmal district, the eleven years of the Modi government's programme of Amrit Kaal Seva, Good Governance and Poor Welfare will be celebrated with various activities and campaigns. Under this, 250 Chaupal Sabhas will be held in the



historical decisions and achievements will be exhibited under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. A yoga training camp will be held in all the mandals of the district from June 15 to 20. On the occasion of World Environment Day, the activists will take the responsibility of planting and nurturing 25 thousand trees at the mandal,

ward level in urban areas and gram panchayat level in rural areas for the next two months. June 25 will mark the 50th anniversary of the Emergency and this will be observed as a black day at the district level. On this occasion, a discussion seminar will be organized on this subject by providing information about the Emergency. Those arrested during the Emergency will be honored. On June 25, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee's birth anniversary, Dr. Information about Shyama Prasad Mukherjee's contribution to the country and the party will be given at each booth. The entire campaign will be implemented under the leadership of BJP District President Adv. Prafulla Chauhan under the guidance of Tribal Development Minister Ashok Uike and former Minister Madan Yerawar. BJP District General Secretary Raju Padgilwar has informed that the coordinator of the 'Sankalp to Siddhi' campaign will be Shantanu Shete, co-coordinator Nirmala Vinkare, Dheeraj Sharma.

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

**Amravati 15 June:** ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has disbursed over Rs. 900 crore as loans against traditional policies to its customers in FY2025. The loan against policy feature is very useful as it provides customers with liquidity without disturbing their long-term savings plan. In FY2025, the Company disbursed loans to over 42,700 customers. Mr. Amish Banker, Chief Operations Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "Life insurance is a long-term product, and customers may face liquidity challenges during the tenure of the policy. The loan against policy feature can ensure the financial savings plan remains on track. Notably, customers can avail of a loan up to 80% of the policy's

surrender value. The process for availing loan against policy is paperless and quick. In FY2025, more than 98% loans were disbursed within 24 hours. Customers can use the Company website or our mobile app to lodge their applications. We have witnessed an increasing adoption of the loan against policy feature among our customers with a 60% year-on-year increase in loan disbursements in FY2025. This reflects the commitment of our customers to remain invested in the product for the long-term and achieve the financial goals for which the product was purchased. Notably, the funds can also be utilised for premium payments, ensuring continuity of the policy and its benefits."

## Decoding Ambedkar's legacy: Revered or misused by India's political parties?

**Akola 15 June:** Political parties across the spectrum—BJP, Congress, and others—have transformed Ambedkar's legacy into a battleground for electoral gain, often reducing his radical vision for social justice to a symbol invoked for votes rather than a blueprint for transformative change. The true test of honouring Ambedkar lies not in slogans or statues, but in dismantling caste inequalities and realising the constitutional promise of equality he championed, his grandson and former 2-time MP Prakash Ambedkar said.

## Thieves decamp with cattle, escape in car

**Amravati 15 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Cattle was stolen from a car in Sabnis Plot area under the jurisdiction of Rajapeth police station. Pradeep Ramnihar Yadav (aged 40 years, resident of Sabnis Plot, Amravati) filed a complaint about this incident at Rajapeth police station on June 13.

## Buldhana farmer tries to set BJP MLA Sanjay Kute's house on fire over crop loss compensation

**Buldhana 15 June:** In a shocking incident late Friday night, a farmer from Buldhana district allegedly attempted to set fire to the residence of BJP MLA Sanjay Kute in Jalgaon Jamod. The accused, identified as Vishal Murud from Bawanvir Village in Sangrampur taluka, was reportedly enraged over not receiving compensation for crop losses caused by unseasonal and excessive rainfall. According to police, Murud entered the MLA's premises around midnight carrying petrol cans. Eyewitnesses say he shouted, "I haven't received compensation for my damaged crops, so I'll burn down the MLA's house," as he moved towards the entrance gate. Kute was present in the bungalow at the time of the incident. Fortunately, Kute's personal assistant noticed Murud's movements and intervened, detaining him before he

# MNS activists distribute seeds to 1100 farmers

**YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST:** On the occasion of Hindu Jannayak Raj Thackeray's birthday, MNS has come forward for the farmers who are fed up with the Sultani crisis of the government in the district and there was a big problem for the farmers for sowing in the Kharif season. In this, government banks are reluctant to give loans to the farmers. In such a situation, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena has come forward for them. MNS is extending a helping hand to the families of small landowners affected by suicide and the real needy in the district.

The first phase of assistance to the farmers was distributed by MNS District President Deva Shivaramwar and Anil Hamdapore, in the form of 3 packets of cotton seeds and 2 packets of tur seeds for every 3 acres of field. In the first phase, 300

farmers will get benefit and around 1100 farmers will get benefit from this initiative throughout the season, MNS leader Anil Hamdapore informed on this occasion. The government announces various schemes for the farmers every year. But in reality, the farmers are only getting the benefit of the government. Most of the government's schemes are only on paper. Otherwise, only the close associates of the people's representatives get the benefit, said Anil Hamdapore, criticizing the government's indifferent policy.

Even when not in power, the MNS is always committed to the farmers and is always a party that takes to the streets for the common people. When we are in a dilemma whether our land will remain fallow during the Kharif season, the helping hand given by the MNS will be a lifeline for the needy



farmers. The government has not reached the farmers' dams. But to help them, the MNS does not fail to visit their dams every year and distribute seeds to them.

This initiative has been implemented every year for fifteen consecutive years under the concept of MNS District President Deva Shivaramwar and Anil Hamdapore. Today, under this initiative, the first phase of distribution was made by

MNS to 300 needy farmers in Ichori, Tivasa, Vadgaon Jungle, Savargaon, Chichghat, Wai Hatola and Yavatmal Rural areas of Yavatmal taluka. On this occasion, Lucky Chhangani, Sonu Gupta, Tushar Chondke, Shivam Nandurkar, Saurabh Ansingkar, Sudarshan Shinde, Ashish Sarulkar, Gopal Ghodmare, Neeraj Deshpande along with beneficiary farmers and their families were present.

## Hubby, in-laws torture married woman, case registered

**Amravati 15 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A married woman (DC): A married woman is physically and mentally tortured as her in-laws said that she had been brought home after marriage merely in order to carry out household chores. Not only this, she was once locked up in her house and after some time she was also thrown out of the house. The victim filed a complaint of this constant and relentless physical and mental torture at Rajapeth police station on June 13. Accordingly, the police personnel registered a case against the prime accused Gopal Sopaji Ingle (29), Sopan Sadashiv Ingle, Ravi

Sopan Ingle and 3 women (all residents of Alegaon, Patur, Akola). According to the victim's complaint, she got married during the Coronavirus pandemic induced lockdown. At that time, gold and household items were given to the bridegroom party at the wedding itself. However, the woman's husband was later found to be addicted to alcohol.

Therefore, he was often telling her that he got married only to ensure that she was available to perform household chores. He was also arguing with his wife over minor reasons. He was also asking her to bring Rs 1 lakh



rupees from her maternal home in order to buy a new car. However, the victim refused to concede any large amount of money. As a result, he often beat her. He threatened to set her on fire with a match. Her in-laws also kicked the married woman in the stomach.

## Mahavir International distributes baby kits

**YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST:** On the occasion of Mahavir International's golden jubilee year, a very sensitive initiative was implemented to welcome newborn babies by distributing baby kits. The initiative was held at Satyasai Sanjeev Clinic in Sambhajinagar here. On this occasion, Praveen Nimodiya, the president of the organization, said that welcoming newborn babies is not only the duty of the family but also of the entire society. Through this initiative, Mahavir



International highlighted the service spirit and social responsibility of its organization. The distribution of 'baby kits' containing essential items for newborn babies gave support and strength to mothers. For the success of the programme, Praveen

Nimodiya, president of Mahavir International Yavatmal center, Shobha Dodewar, treasurer Dr. Shekhar Band, as well as Harshal Yambarwar, Sharad Nimodiya, Ravi Nimodiya, Ujjwala Bhavik, Aarti Kamghante, and Trupti Samritwar took efforts.

## Farmer axed to death over road dispute

**Yavatmal 15 June:** A dispute over a farm road in Akpuri village turned deadly when a farmer attacked another with an axe, killing him on the spot. The clash reportedly broke out over the placing of thorny branches on a pathway. The incident occurred on Saturday afternoon in Akpuri.



The deceased has been identified as Sudhakar Mahadev Botare (45), a resident of Dhanora. The conflict began over a road passing between farm plot numbers 46 and 47, where Ramesh Shyamrao Kulsange (40), a resident of Ganeshpur, had blocked the path with thorny branches. Sudhakar Botare went to confront him about it, which led to a heated

argument. In a fit of rage, Ramesh Kulsange attacked Sudhakar with the backside of an axe, striking his chest and back, leaving him critically injured. Sudhakar was rushed to the government hospital in Yavatmal, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. Vadgaon Jungle Police arrested the accused Ramesh Kulsange.

## Case registered against owner of 'Mohani Wines' in illegal liquor sale case

**Amravati 15 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** In an action conducted by the local police at Gadre square, a stock of foreign liquor worth Rs 11,940 was seized and one person was arrested in this case. Notably, a case has now been registered against the owner of 'Mohani Wines', who was selling liquor in large quantities without a

liquor sale license. On June 4 at 11.30 am, a team of police officials and personnel from Rajapeth police station, based on a tip off, caught the suspect Prajwal Govindrao Verma (aged 26 years, resident of Shirala, Valgaon) at Gadre square while transporting illegal liquor. Foreign-made liquor was seized from his possession.

During the preliminary investigation process, it came to light that the accused did not have any liquor sale or storage license. When questioned, he said that he had purchased the liquor from 'Mohani Wines'. Therefore, action has been taken against the original owner 'Mohani Wines' Rajesh Mohanlal Agarwal (aged 54 years, resident of Khaparde garden, Amravati) and he

has also been made a co-accused in this case. It has been found that a large amount of liquor is being sold to customers from this shop without verifying licenses.

In the aftermath of this incident, a case has been registered against the concerned persons under Section 65 (E) of the Liquor Control Act.

This action was taken under the guidance of Police Commissioner Arvind Chawaria, Deputy Commissioner Ganesh Shinde and Assistant Commissioner Jaidutt Bhawar. Senior Police Inspector Puneet Kulat, Police Constable Manish Karpe, Pankaj Khate, Ravi Likitkar, Ganraj Raut, Sagar Bhajagware and Arjun Kadam participated in the action.

## Muralidhar Borkhade passes away

**Anjangaon Surji 15 June (NAGPUR POST/JC):** Muralidhar Pundalik Borkhade, a resident of village Kotha in the taluka, passed away on Saturday (June 14) in the aftermath of a long illness. He was 82 years old at the time of his demise. His last rites were performed on his farm in the presence of many community members. He is survived by his wife, a married daughter Sangita, three married sons Ashok, Dashrath, Sharad and several grandchildren.



## DILAPIDATED ROAD HAZARDOUS FOR COMMUTERS...



Karanji to Muttha road stretch in Malegaon taluka of Washim district is in a very deplorable and dilapidated condition. One wonders whether it is a pothole filled road or road of potholes. While it also renders travelling experience uncomfortable for commuters but the possibility of any untoward road mishap occurring also cannot be ruled out. In such circumstances locals have put forth the demand of repairing the road stretch before the concerned authorities.



BUSINESS

Vodafone Idea Launches 5G Commercial Service in Bengaluru with Samsung's Versatile Solutions

**Bengaluru 15 June:** Leading telecom operator Vodafone Idea (Vi) today announced the commercial launch of 5G services by partnering with Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (Samsung) in Bengaluru region, one of the key telecom markets in India and a global IT hub known as the "Silicon Valley of India". Since 2024, the companies have been working together to deploy a new generation, 5G network and modernize Vi's legacy 2G and 4G networks with Samsung's industry-leading solutions in major telecom circles of India including Bihar, Karnataka and Punjab . As part of this collaboration, Vi had already launched 5G commercial services in Chandigarh and Patna in April 2025. Vi has successfully deployed Samsung's small form-factor, energy-efficient and high transmit power radios for enabling a seamless 5G experience across all the three circles. These solutions offer increased cell capacity and energy savings features to deliver better consumer experience with greener and more sustainable approaches for Vi's customers. For this deployment, Samsung provided its wide range of radios supporting diverse spectrum bands, including 32T32R Massive MIMO radios, along with Radio Access Network (RAN) solutions that encompass baseband and software functions known as the virtualized Central Unit (vCU). The companies have also implemented the nation's first virtualized Base Station Controller (vBSC), a key network element for 2G services, thereby modernizing its network with cutting-edge software solutions while still ensuring legacy technology and services are supported. Virtualization of network functionalities enable Vi to streamline network deployment and facilitate easier management, which results in greater efficiency, lower operational costs, better resource allocation control, and increased capacity. With this virtualization adoption, operators can build software-based and flexible networks more easily, gaining a competitive edge in bringing future networks. Jagbir Singh, Chief Technology Officer, Vodafone Idea said: "The launch of Vi's 5G services in Bengaluru as well as Chandigarh and Patna, marks a key step in introducing Samsung as a new partner in our ecosystem and towards delivering seamless, highly reliable next-generation services to our customers. By partnering with Samsung, our endeavor is to offer the best customer experience and provide our customers with enhanced mobile broadband throughputs and high capacity required in today's digitally connected world." Woojune Kim, President and Head of Networks Business at Samsung Electronics said: "India, especially Bengaluru, stands at the forefront of the global digital transformation, and we are proud to accompany Vi's innovative journey in delivering next-generation connectivity to its customers in one of the world's most dynamic and advanced IT markets. Samsung always thinks a step ahead, anticipating future needs of mobile operators. Through this collaboration, Samsung is fully committed in supporting Vi to satisfy the demands of mobile users and boost enterprise growth with our innovative spirits."

Isuzu Motors India rolls-out Nationwide I-Care Monsoon Service Camp

**Mumbai 15 June:** In a constant endeavour to reaffirm ISUZU's commitment to provide best service and ownership experience, Isuzu Motors India will be conducting a nationwide 'ISUZU I-Care Monsoon Camp' for its range of ISUZU D-MAX Pick-ups and SUVs. This service camp is aimed at offering customers exciting benefits and preventive maintenance checks for a hassle-free driving experience during the monsoon across the country. An initiative of 'ISUZU Care', the Monsoon Camp will be organised across all ISUZU authorised dealer service outlets, between 16th - 21st June 2025 (both days inclusive). During this period, customers can also avail special offers & benefits for their vehicles. The Monsoon Camp will be organised at all authorised service facilities of ISUZU located in Ahilyanagar, Ahmedabad, Ambikapur, Bengaluru, Bareilly, Barmer, Bathinda, Bhatnagar, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Bikaner, Bilaspur, Calicut, Chandrapathi Sambhaji Nagar, Chennai, Coimbatore, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Durgapur, Ernakulam, Gandhidham, Gorakhpur, Gurgaon, Guwahati, Hissar, Howrah, Hubballi, Hyderabad, Indore, Itanagar, Jaigaon, Jaipur, Jalandhar, Jammu, Jodhpur, Kadapa, Karnal, Khammam, Kolapur, Kolkata, Kottayam, Kurnool, L. Seh, Lucknow, Ludhiana, Madurai, Mandi, Mangalore, Mehsana, Mohali, Mysore, Nagpur, Nasik, Nellore, Nerul, New Delhi, Noida, Patna, Pune, Raipur, Rajahmundry, Rajkot, Ratnagiri, Satara, Shivamogga, Sikar, Silliguri, Solapur, Srinagar, Surat, Thrissur, Tirunelveli, Tirupati, Trichy, Trivandrum, Vadodara, Vijayawada, and Visakapattanam. Customers can call the nearest ISUZU dealer outlet or visit <https://www.isuzu.in/servicebooking.html> for service booking. Customers can reach 1800 4199 188 (Toll-free) for more information.

Mcap of eight of top-10 most valued firms erodes by Rs 1.65 lakh crore

**Mumbai 15 June:** The combined market valuation of eight of the top-10 most valued firms eroded by Rs 1,65,501.49 crore last week, with HDFC Bank taking the biggest hit, in-line with a bearish trend in domestic equities. Last week, the BSE benchmark tanked 1,070.39 points or 1.30 per cent. While Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Infosys witnessed net addition in their market valuations, Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank, Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank, State Bank of India, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), Bajaj Finance and Hindustan Unilever Ltd faced erosion. The valuation of HDFC Bank tanked by Rs 47,075.97 crore to Rs 14,68,777.88 crore. The market capitalisation (mcap) of ICICI Bank tumbled Rs 30,677.44 crore to Rs 10,10,375.63 crore. The valuation of Reliance Industries dropped by Rs 21,516.63 crore to Rs 19,31,963.46 crore and that of State Bank of India eroded by Rs 18,250.85 crore to Rs 7,07,186.89 crore. The mcap of Hindustan Unilever Ltd dived by Rs 16,388.4 crore to Rs 5,44,893.71 crore. Bharti Airtel's valuation declined by Rs 15,481.22 crore to Rs 10,50,413.33 crore and that of LIC went lower by Rs 13,693.62 crore to Rs 5,93,379.66 crore. The mcap of Bajaj Finance dipped Rs 2,417.36 crore to Rs 5,80,052.09 crore. However, the market valuation of TCS jumped Rs 22,215.06 crore to Rs 12,47,190.95 crore and the mcap of Infosys climbed Rs 15,578.3 crore to Rs 6,65,318.03 crore. In the top-10 list, Reliance Industries Ltd remained the most valued firm followed by HDFC Bank, TCS, Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank, State Bank of India, Infosys, LIC, Bajaj Finance and Hindustan Unilever Ltd.



EDITORIAL

Sewa, the ethos of selfless service

Chhabeels serving cool, sweetened waterto passersby is a welcome sight in summer. A few weeks back was the martyrdom day of Guru Arjan. The fifth Guru was tortured to death in Lahore on May 30, 1606. Like on other events of importance to the community, this time, too, chhabeels sprang up all over, serving a delicious blend of milk, rose syrup and water, with a dash of kewra or some other variation. What is impressive is the commitment to service among those who prepare and serve the drink, standing under the sun, beseeching strangers to partake of the drink. Sewa extends beyond the action itself. It is a spiritual practice that transcends boundaries and fosters a sense of unity with fellow beings — those who perform sewa seek nothing for their service other than the grace of God. Sewa is central to the Sikh ethos, and we often see it in the form of langar. The profoundly spiritual experience is rooted in the teachings of the Gurus. As Guru Arjan, who compiled the Adi Granth, says in Sukhmani Sahib: "Sewa karat hoye nehkami tis ko prapat hot swami. (One who serves selflessly, without thought of reward, obtains the Lord)". (Guru Granth Sahib, p 286). The Gurus were conscious of the inherent capacity for connection that human beings have and the compassion that's there in all of us. They wove it into the Sikh ethos, showing us the path of sewa, which is much more than the notion of charity. Sewa is a spiritual discipline inculcated on the path to the Divine. Sewa can be of three types: Tan, Mann, and Dhan. We have often seen people using the expression together — thereby stating that they will serve physically, mentally, and by utilising the resources and wealth they have. It is not that a Sikh can choose to focus on one or the other; all have to be performed for those in need. Of course, some are better equipped for particular tasks, and thus, it is only prudent that they perform sewa that suits their talents and helps those who need it. Indeed, the expanding services in gurdwaras, which now include counselling, medical and educational facilities, among others, show the evolving forms of sewa. Spiritual masters have long recognised the importance of performing charity. All religions lay stress on it. Hinduism emphasises serving the poor and acts of charity towards the needy. In Christianity, we see the imperative "Love thy neighbour as thyself" and the practice of giving tithe to charity. In Islam, the welfare of the community and the needy is undertaken according to the directives of zakat and sadaqah, both acts of charity: the former is obligatory, and the latter voluntary. Buddhist monks lead their followers in community service, guided by karuna and metta, which translate into compassion and kindness, respectively. A powerful memory I carry in my mind is from decades ago, of karsewa at Harmandir Sahib, where people had gathered to desilt the Amrit Sarovar.

ENTERTAINMENT

Imtiaz-Diljit team up again



**Chandigarh 15 June:** Filmmaker Imtiaz Ali's new film with actor-musician Diljit Dosanjh will be released in theatres in April 2026, coinciding with the festival of Baisakhi. Billed as a "charming story of love and longing", the untitled movie marks the second collaboration between Ali and Dosanjh after their 2024 widely loved movie, Amar Singh Chamkila. Actors Naseeruddin Shah, Vedang Raina and Sharvani will also feature in the film, which has a contemporary and witty narrative that explores the depth of human connection. Quoting legendary poet Momin Khan Momin's couplet "Tum mere paas hote ho goya, Jab koi doosra nahi hota" ('You are with me, however, when there is no one else'), Ali said he aims to offer a "touching cinematic experience" through his movie. "Can love really be lost? Can home be taken away from someone's heart? This film has a big heart. It has a large canvas, yet is very personal. It is a story of a boy and a girl, but also of a country. The movie will go on floors in August this year. Ali's previous movie with Dosanjh, Amar Singh Chamkila was also released on Baisakhi in 2024.

Rana Naidu Season 2: A gritty family drama fueled by revenge and redemption

**Mumbai 15 June:** Rana Naidu Season 2 picks up right where it left off — with chaos, high-stakes drama, and a fixer who just can't seem to escape his past. This time, Rana (Rana Daggubati) tries to settle into a quieter life with his wife Naina (Surveen Chawla), but is quickly dragged back into the underworld when his son is kidnapped. What follows is a web of deceit, double-crosses, and unexpected alliances as he takes on dangerous foes — including a vengeful gangster Raul (Rajat Kapoor) and a manipulative new boss, Viraj Oberoi (Arjun Rampal). The season retains its gritty tone and fast-paced narrative, weaving through personal betrayals, family breakdowns, and corporate politics. The heart of the show remains the strained relationship between Rana and his eccentric, volatile father Naga (Venkatesh Daggubati), which continues to deliver both tension and dark humour. The Goa track and the family fallout add new layers to the characters, while side plots like Naina's emotional drift and Tej's move to Portugal deepen the drama. Performance-wise, Rana and Venkatesh are in top form — subtle and intense, they command every scene. Surveen Chawla and Kriti Kharbanda are solid, and Arjun Rampal is a menacing presence as the antagonist. However, some characters are poorly developed or abruptly written off, which hurts the narrative flow. There are moments of clever tension and well-executed twists, but the writing often leans on convenience, and some dramatic build-ups fizzle out without resolution. While Rana Naidu 2 tries to go bigger and darker, it sometimes loses focus in trying to do too much. Still, fans of the series will find enough to stay invested — from stylish action sequences to emotionally charged confrontations. Verdict: A watchable sequel that delivers strong performances and gripping moments, though let down at times by clunky storytelling and underdeveloped subplots. It's messy, but entertaining.

Getting short end of the stick, butt it's fine

Baba Ramdev's recent video about starting a 'sherbet jihad' against (presumably) the iconic Rooh Afza reminded me of a jihad that has been raging for some time now but hasn't got the attention it deserves. I refer to the "cigarette jihad" against smokers, which is far more ubiquitous than the other jihads: the latter are limited in scope, applicable only to members of certain religions, but the "cigarette jihad" applies across the board to everyone who smokes, irrespective of his or her religion, and is a shocking display of secularism, in my view. No one but a smoker understands fully the import of the saying: you can run but you can't hide. For a smoker today, there's no place to hide (and have a quiet puff) — he is banished from restaurants, cinema halls, buses and metros, drawing rooms, planes and airports, and even in his own castle he has to take refuge in either a toilet or a balcony. His social status is lower than that of a Punjabi or Gujarati immigrant in Trump's America. Doctors talk down to him, Finance Ministers treat him like a milch cow, hotels consign him to smoking rooms without any room service, airport managers shove him into smoking cubicles resembling tandors, socialites turn up their rump at him with a founce, pretty girls refuse to share their mobile numbers with him. In Washington for a World Bank meeting, I had to go down 30 floors, out in the freezing cold, every time I wished to have a cigarette. Cadging a few million dollars

from the bank certainly wasn't worth the effort. But it wasn't always so for people of my generation. I started smoking in my first year in college and have not looked back since, except to recollect, with a touch of nostalgia the good old days of Clint Eastwood, Marlon Brando and Humphrey Bogart, who always spoke through a cloud of smoke. One could smoke anywhere then — with a cup of coffee at Trinca's on Park Street watching the non-pareil Usha Uthup belting out 'Ramba ho', or in the AC coach while travelling home to Kanpur from Calcutta, or while watching a movie in the Rivoli on Connaught Place. Till the early 1990s, I distinctly remember being allowed to smoke even on international flights, occasionally even being gifted a couple of packs of Marlboros by an air-hostess impressed with my diplomatic passport! (In those days, wrestling federation chiefs didn't get these maroon passports!). Girls didn't exactly swoon over us (that was reserved for the leftists), but they did occasionally cuddle up for a second-hand whiff and that was, as Omar Khayyam would have no doubt said, "Heaven enow." Why, one could even light up during job interviews: I remember being interviewed by the Director Personnel of SBI in the Parliament Street office for the job of a Probationary Officer. I lit up while waiting for my turn; when I was called, I walked in with my cigarette, waste not, want not, being my creed. I didn't get the job, of course, but not because of the lighted

fag. I suspect it had something to do with my answer to the Director's question: "Where do you see yourself five years from now in this bank?" In hindsight, my answer was perhaps too cocky: "In your chair, sir." I have since learned that honesty is never the best policy at job interviews. Non-smokers are not aware of what they are missing. Cigarettes are the food for broken souls. You can't buy happiness but anyone can buy cigarettes, and that comes pretty close. Oscar Wilde famously said 'a cigarette is the perfect type of a perfect pleasure. It is exquisite, and it leaves one unsatisfied. What more can one want?' Groucho Marx went a step further when he stated that, given the choice between a woman and a cigar, he would always choose the cigar. At the age of 74, I see the wisdom in what he said: it's easier now to light up a cigarette than a woman. There are other benefits too: smoking is the perfect way to commit suicide without actually dying, and therefore it obviates the need for having to save up for your old age! One final thought. Cigarettes, or at least the buying of them, is a very accurate indicator of inflation, certainly much better than the consumption "basket" government economists are talking about all the time. This basket, of course, is rigged like a casino. But a smoker never lies. I started my smoking career in the early '70s with the humble beedi (which cost about 25 paise for a pack of 10) since my Dad gave me a pocket money of Rs 10 per month only.

Inflation falls, but don't lower the guard

India's retail inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), dropped sharply to 2.82 percent in May 2025. This is its lowest level in over six years. The dramatic cooling, primarily driven by easing food prices, is a welcome reprieve for consumers, especially those in the lower income brackets who spend a large share of their budgets on food.



The sharp contraction in prices of vegetables (-13.7 per cent), pulses

(-8.2 per cent), spices and meat has been central to this trend.

Food and beverages inflation dropped to 1.5 per cent, marking the seventh consecutive month of moderation.

However, this relief is partial. Inflation in edible oils surged into double digits, driven by global price trends, reduced oilseed sowing and India's heavy dependence on imports. Fruits, too, saw price spikes. The government's move to halve the import duty on crude edible oils is a timely measure, but its impact will take time to reflect.

Trouble hits Sai Darshan society as redevelopment plans take an unexpected turn in Sony SAB's Waggle Ki Duniya

**Mumbai 15 June:** Sony SAB's Waggle Ki Duniya continues to bring heartfelt stories from the quintessential middle class person's everyday life. In the latest episode, with property prices rising due to nearby redevelopment, Sai Darshan Society is filled with cheer. Yet, Santoori's (Tarjanee Bhadla) husband fears that something ominous may be approaching.



In the upcoming episodes, the residents of Sai Darshan society are thrilled when their building is chosen for redevelopment given its deteriorating condition. Vandana (Pariva Pranati) begins searching for a temporary place to stay, and Dakku (Naarayan Pareek) arranges a Satyanarayan pooja to protect the society. But late at night, a sudden tremor shakes the building, and the children — Atharva (Sheehan Kapahi), Krishna (Vyom Thakkar), and Kittu (Sumeet Rani) are found missing. Rajesh (Mehmet Roghavan), Dharmesh (Khanjan Thumber), and Dakku search for them, and to their relief, they are found safe.

The next morning, cracks appear across many homes due to the tremor.

As the society members discuss compensation and builders for the redevelopment process, they choose one — only for him to end up getting arrested by the authorities for tampering with the buildings he was constructing. With plans falling apart and rain pouring in, the residents make temporary fixes. The redevelopment debate heats up, but in the end, the Waggle family and their neighbors decide to move forward, holding on to hope and togetherness. Sumeet Raghvan, playing the role of Rajesh Waggle in Waggle Ki Duniya, said, "This track means a lot to many people, especially in a city like Mumbai where

redevelopment affects so many homes. It's not just about buildings being torn down and rebuilt — it's about people's lives, memories, and emotions. I really liked how the episode didn't just show the process, but also the emotional stress it brings to families. It was heartwarming to see the mix of humour, the strong sense of community, and the real struggles of city life.

The episode struck a nice balance between being entertaining and showing the serious side of what redevelopment really feels like." Watch Waggle Ki Duniya, every Monday to Saturday at 9:30 PM, only on Sony SAB.

"I love playing characters that aren't one-dimensional, and Anika is exactly that," says Anushka Merchande on her role in Saru

**Mumbai 15 June:** Staying true to its legacy of powerful storytelling, Zee TV has unveiled Saru — a compelling and emotional narrative of a young woman from a village fighting for her dreams in the big city. In a striking contrast to Saru's heartfelt journey with the introduction of Anika — played by the spirited Anushka Merchande. Bold, image-conscious, and unapologetically ambitious, Anika is someone who thrives on attention. As the antagonist, she brings sharp conflict and unpredictability, becoming a key catalyst in the drama that unfolds. Her strong dislike for Saru fuels her every move, and she leaves no stone unturned in her quest to pull Saru down. Sharing insights into the show, Anushka Merchande opens up about her experience of playing Anika, her bond with her co-stars, and her approach to developing Anika's character.

real location help you portray Anika better?

Shooting in the Khares village in Rajasthan, was truly an unforgettable experience. The natural beauty, vibrant colors, and rich cultural backdrop of the place added so much depth to the storytelling and authenticity. There's a raw energy there that reflects Saru's grounded roots, and stepping into that environment helped all of us to bring out the realness and sharp edges of our characters even more.

2) Anika is a mix of confidence, emotional volatility and arrogance. How did you approach bringing out these layers in her personality? Anika is definitely one of the most layered characters I've ever portrayed on-screen. She's confident but that confidence often masks her emotional instability and the need to always be on top. To bring out these layers, I had to dig deeper into why she behaves the way she does. I didn't want to portray her as just another 'mean girl' — I wanted to show her vulnerabilities too, even if they're not always visible on



the surface. One moment she's sharp and controlling, the next she's reacting emotionally to something trivial — and that unpredictability was both challenging and exciting to perform. I'm constantly learning more about her as the story unfolds.

3) What convinced you to take up this role and how do you think Anika's character will influence the story for Saru? What drew me to Anika's role instantly was how pivotal she is to the story — not just as an antagonist, but as someone who constantly pushes Saru out of her

comfort zone. I love playing characters that aren't one-dimensional, and Anika is exactly that. She's bold, emotionally unpredictable, and always craves the spotlight. What excited me most was the chance to explore how her actions, though often rooted in insecurity or ego, become key turning points in Saru's journey. Anika challenges Saru at every step, and in doing so, she unknowingly strengthens her. That kind of character — one who disrupts, provokes, and still manages to leave a lasting impact — was just too exciting to pass up. She's not here to play it safe, and neither am I with this role.

4) How has the experience been from Anushka to Anika so far? What kind of preparation have you done to get into the skin of the character? The journey from Anushka to Anika has been intense, transformative, and honestly, so creatively fulfilling. Anika is nothing like me in real life — she's sharp-tongued, image-obsessed, and always wants to stay in control.



# 'Digital Wellness: Stabilise Your Mind to Utilise Your Brain' workshop held at VNIT

**Nagpur 15 June:** Calling out the excessive dependence on digital screens as a 'silent epidemic', VNIT director Premal Patel recently said 'digital obesity' is emerging as a serious threat to students' mental stability and academic performance. He was speaking at a workshop titled 'Digital Wellness: Stabilise Your Mind to Utilise Your Brain', held on the VNIT campus in association with the Brahmapuram.



are constantly wired, emotional instability, and unchecked screen exposure is leading to cognitive fatigue, declining classroom performance," Patel said. He

cautioned against night-time phone use and doom-scrolling, which, he added, was eroding students' attention spans and overall well-being. To counter this trend, VNIT launched the Rajyoga Thought Lab, the first of its kind at the institute. "We have labs for machines, materials, and equations — but none for the mind. That needs to change," Patel asserted. The lab will focus on thought management, guided journaling, meditation, and other techniques to help students

build emotional resilience. The event was inaugurated by BK Rajni Didi in the presence of Mukesh Agrawal, Ratnesh Kumar, and BK Bala Kishore, a digital wellness expert who underlined the importance of integrating thought training into mainstream education. Supporting Patel's views, VNIT dean of student welfare Ratnesh Kumar said students are increasingly facing stress and attention issues, necessitating structured, science-backed mental health interventions.

## 'Red market' might thrive if extent of voluntary blood donation diminishes

**Nagpur 15 June:** As the world observes World Blood Donor Day 2025 under the theme "Give blood, give hope: Together we save lives," Maharashtra's health minister, Prakash Abitkar, directed officials to urgently implement a "No Shortage, No Wastage" policy. The policy aims to ensure timely access to safe blood for patients while also curbing avoidable wastage due to poor coordination. "Blood is a national resource, and its collection, storage, and use must be meticulously managed," said Abitkar during a state-level review of blood services. He noted that seasonal imbalances, such as massive blood collection during national events or birthdays of politicians, often contrast with shortfalls during festivals and summer, creating a mismatch in supply

and demand. He directed health authorities to design and submit a comprehensive policy immediately. The state govt also plans to introduce new rules for granting NOCs to blood bank operators and explore NAT (Nucleic Acid Testing) in govt blood banks for higher safety. Meanwhile, Dr Sunil Khaparde, former director of NACO and now a city-based national expert on blood safety, raised alarm over India's growing dependence on paid or professional donors despite legal bans. "With a demand of 1.2 crore units annually, we still fall short by over 30 lakh units. The deficit often drives patients to the underground 'Red Market,' where ethics and safety are routinely compromised," said Dr Khaparde. He stressed that while portals like e-RaktKosh and

govt campaigns have made strides, the absence of a centralized national blood collection agency is keenly felt. "Even today, much of our blood supply comes from professional donors or family replacements. Genuine voluntary donation remains under 50%," he noted. Dr Harish Warbhe, medical director of Lifeline Blood Centre in the city, emphasized the health benefits of voluntary donation even for the donors themselves. "Regular voluntary blood donation not only saves lives but also stimulates the donor's bone marrow to produce fresh, healthier blood cells. It reduces iron overload in the body and gives a sense of purpose and community connection. It's a simple act with profound benefits — for recipients and donors alike," he said.

## HRS Hikars complete physically demanding trek to Kedarnath Temple

**Nagpur 15 June:** A group of 15 individuals under the banner of HRS Hikars completed a spiritually and physically demanding expedition to Kedarnath Temple on foot. Starting from Sonprayag, the group undertook the 23km uphill journey to the Kedarnath Temple, one of the holiest shrines nestled in the Garhwal Himalayas. Despite the formidable terrain and altitude challenges, every member reached the temple without the aid of ponies or palanquins — a feat made more inspiring by the fact that 9 of the trekkers were aged between 53 and 61 years. The group comprised: Radhakrishna Picipaty, Sita Krishna Picipaty, Sonam Jaiswal, Sanjay Singh, Reena Singh, Jyothi Naidu, Bhaskar Naidu, Meeta Shaw,



Sara Pekhale, Jaidev Wavre, Aaryan Sonawane, Y Vijaya, Y Sriya, Y Sneha, and Kavitha Shinde.

The journey was expertly led by Rohit Pisipati & Harshit Jaini, whose leadership and meticulous planning were instrumental in the group's success. They were ably supported by the local team: Govind Singh, Bhuvan Rawat, and Pravin Singh —

whose knowledge of the terrain and constant encouragement helped ensure a smooth and safe journey. The expedition wasn't limited to Kedarnath alone.

The group also visited the sacred Badrinath temple, the legendary Mana village (India's first village near the Tibetan border), and the holy confluences of Devprayag and Rudraprayag, where rivers merge to form the lifeline of northern India — the Ganga. "This wasn't just a trek — it was a pilgrimage of the soul," reflected one senior member upon reaching Kedarnath.

"It tested our will, bonded us as a group, and brought us closer to something divine."

## Wild elephant kills elderly man in forest

**Sindewahi June 15 (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A 70-year-old man was killed by a wild elephant in a forest in Maharashtra's Chandrapur district on Sunday, June 15. The attack took place in the Jatlapur area in Sindewahi in the early hours of the day. The official said this is the first incident of an elephant attack recorded in the district. A herd of elephants from Odisha entered the forests of Gachiroli through Chhattisgarh and it was spotted in the Saoli forest area of Chandrapur district. According to reports, two



elephants entered the Asolamendha area of the Saoli forest and crossed the Wainganga River, reached the Sindewahi forest area. The Victim, a 70-year-old Maroti Masram, entered the forest to attend to nature's call when he was attacked and killed by the angry jumbo. The official recovered his body and sent it to a government hospital for a post-mortem. The police have launched the probe.

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## NCA to felicitate 61 cricketers on June 20

**Nagpur 15 June:** The felicitation ceremony to be held at 6 pm will be attended by the president of Vidarbha Cricket Association, retired Justice Vinay Deshpande, and Team India trainer Sohams Desai and other dignitaries. A total of 61 cricketers, including international cricketer Jitesh Sharma, Vidarbha Ranji team captain Akshay Wadkar, Harsh Dubey, Yash Rathod, Atharva Taide, Akshay Wakhare, Yash Thakur, Darshan Nalkande, Aditya Dikre, Siddhesh Wath, Parth Rekhe, Mandar Mahale and Mona Meshram representing Railways, who have represent the academy

in various VCA competitions in the 2025-25 season, will be felicitated with mementos by the above dignitaries. The felicitation ceremony includes ten women, four from Chhattisgarh and outside states. Speaking about the proud achievements of the players, the facilities at the academy and future plans, Bakre said, "The academy has made tremendous progress in the last 20 years since its establishment in June 2005. The Academy's players have played the most players in various age groups of the VCA as well as in the Ranji Trophy. NCA is probably the only academy in India to

achieve such an achievement." Bakre said, "Since VCA is getting strong 'bench strength' good players, our academy is also contributing to the development of Vidarbha's cricket."

He further said, "Given the quality facilities at the academy, many players from Australia, USA, England, Oman, Singapore and other countries come here regularly for training every year in the off-season." The press conference was attended by the academy's coach, Mohan Sambre, VCA's media manager Sharad Padhya and Nikunj Bende.

## Indian Constitution is a living, organic, evolving document: CJI

**Nagpur 15 June:** Chief Justice of India Justice Bhushan Gavai, delivering an address at Edinburgh Law School recently, described the Indian Constitution as a "living, organic, evolving document" that has consistently adapted to the nation's shifting socio-political realities, often through dynamic engagement between Parliament and judiciary. The speech, titled 'Constitution as an Evolving Document', offered a rich historical and legal analysis of constitutional transformation across 75 years of India's democracy. Justice Gavai highlighted that Constitution drafters themselves anticipated the need for change overtime. "Dr Ambedkar rightly said we cannot bind future generations to the Constitution we adopt today. It must evolve with time," he said, citing Ambedkar's reply to critics during the Constituent Assembly debates on 25 November 1949. The newly appointed CJI traced how early court rulings prompted immediate constitutional amendments. One such example was the 1951 First Amendment, necessitated by judicial setbacks to backward class reservations and free speech restrictions. This amendment, signed by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, added Article 15(4) to empower the state to provide for marginalised sections and revised Article 19 to allow for speech-related restrictions concerning public order, state security, and international relations. Justice Gavai elaborated on the evolution of the amending power under Article 368. He cited Shankari Prasad (1951) and Sajjan Singh (1965), where Parliament's amending power was upheld, but noted that dissenting opinions — particularly by Justice Mudholkar — laid the groundwork for the Basic Structure Doctrine. This culminated in the historic 1973 Kesavananda Bharati verdict, where a 13-judge bench held that while Parliament could amend the Constitution, it could not alter its fundamental framework. "Justice H R Khanna's balancing view, supported by both sides, became the



law," he said. He also referred to the 42nd and 44th amendments, the former inserting "socialist" and "secular" into the Preamble and restricting judicial review, and the latter restoring checks on Emergency powers post-1977. He noted how Minerva Mills reaffirmed judicial review as part of the basic structure. Justice Gavai went on to describe amendments driven by social justice, including Article 16(4A) for reservation in promotions following Indra Sawhney, and Article 21A introduced by the 86th Amendment for free and compulsory education. He spoke on the 10th Schedule to address defections, and 73rd and 74th amendments to empower rural and urban local govt, as envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi. He also referenced the more recent 103rd Amendment providing reservation for economically weaker sections, and the 106th Amendment reserving one-third seats for women in Parliament and state legislatures — though pending implementation post-delimitation. "Every major constitutional moment, whether from social movements, court judgments or political shifts, has contributed to shaping a Constitution that is dynamic, not static," he remarked. The session was attended by Justice Vikram Nath, faculty members, Indian consular officials, and legal scholars. Justice Gavai concluded by stating that the document continues to be relevant because "it breathes through interpretation and legislation."

## Donate blood for sake of humanity: MGAHV VC Prof. Kumud Sharma

**Wardha 15 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya observed the day on 14th June by taking a pledge to donate blood. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kumud Sharma, administered the pledge to the faculty, officials, staff, research scholars, and students. Speaking at the event held in a blended (offline and online) mode at Kasturba Auditorium, Prof. Sharma emphasized that we must donate blood to save others' lives and in service of humanity. She highlighted that since 2004, World Blood Donor Day is celebrated globally on June 14 every year. Stressing the significance of this observance, she said that we must raise our voices for humanity. The theme for World Blood Donor Day 2025 is 'Give blood, give hope, and let's save lives together.' Reflecting on the theme, she said that when we donate blood, we are not just giving blood — we are instilling hope in a person fighting between life and death and encouraging their entire family to believe in recovery. We give them strength and a sense of support, and in critical



times, such strength is invaluable as it tells them they are not alone. Prof. Sharma stated that Blood Donor Day provides an opportunity to voluntarily donate blood and spread awareness at our individual levels. Appealing to the faculty and non-teaching staff of the university, she urged everyone to raise awareness about blood donation and come together to save lives. She encouraged everyone to recognize their collective responsibility towards humanity, saying that it is our duty and obligation to contribute to the family, societal, and individual levels. She called upon all to step forward in times of need and help others — donating blood for humanity is the greatest donation of all. On this occasion, Dean of the Faculty of Literature and Dean of Student Welfare, Prof. Awadhesh Kumar, and Acting Registrar Rajesh Arora were also present on the dais. The pledge ceremony was conducted by Public Relations Officer B. S. Mirge.

## Short play 'Adieu' makes its debut Theatre magic mesmerises city art lovers

**Nagpur 15 June:** In a first on the city's theatre landscape, a group of passionate artists under the banner of Backstage Playmakers launched Nagpur's debut fringe theatre project in digital format with the release of a 'shot play' titled 'adieu' recently. The unique initiative is the city's introduction to a global theatre trend that blurs the line between stage and screen. Written by Onkar Ghare and directed by Sonal Trivedi-Malka, 'Adieu' is a tender, 15-minute portrayal of a father battling terminal illness, reflecting on his disconnection with his children. It stars senior theatre voice Moiz Fannan Haq, alongside fresh faces Sumedh Chaudhary and Shivani Joshi. 'Adieu' was a format shift — no audience, no retakes, but all the emotional intensity of a stage performance, said Prof Haq,



former HoD of the Nagpur University's mass communication department and veteran journalist. "It was a challenge. A single take in front of cameras, like a real play, but designed for a digital audience. It's a daring experiment, and we want it to succeed." Shot in a modest hall in Bajaj Nagar transformed into a makeshift black-box theatre, the play was recorded using multiple cameras but stayed faithful to live theatre's conventions — uninterrupted action, real-time performances, and no

cinematic tricks. The production is part of a series of three shot plays that will be released in phases over the coming week. Explaining the concept, Backstage Playmakers founder Onkar Ghare said, "We are passionate about fringe theatre.

This format is new for Nagpur, but globally, it has been explored widely in the UK, Europe, and some parts of the US. "What makes the initiative stand out is the inclusion of many first-time actors from Nagpur experiencing both fringe theatre and on-screen performance for the first time. "We ensured that everything we did could be done on a real stage," added Shubankar Mishra, founder member of this group. "This is our homage to pure theatre, adapted for the digital age — without losing its beating heart," he added.

## Planned shutdown on Takli Seem feeder for repair works

**Nagpur 15 June:** A leakage has been detected on the Takli Seem feeder near Mangalmurti Square, prompting the need for urgent maintenance work to ensure uninterrupted and safe power supply. To carry out the necessary repairs, a 12-hour shutdown has been scheduled for the Takli Seem feeder on 17th June 2025 (Tuesday), from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM. During this period, the water supply will remain affected in the following areas:



1. **Gayatri Nagar CA:** Bandu Soni Layout, Pathan Layout, Tukadoji Nagar, Kamgar Colony, IT Park, Gayatri Nagar, Vidhya Vihar, Gopal Nagar, Vijay Nagar, VRC Campus, Padole Layout, Gajanan Nagar, Mani Layout, SBI Colony, Shri Nagar, Karim Layout, Usman Layout, NPTI, Parsodi.

2. **Takli Seem CA:** Hingna Road, Rajendra Nagar, Kalyan Nagar, Yashodha Nagar, Vasudeo Nagar, Lumbini Nagar, Gadge Nagar, Goodluck Society, MHADA Colony, Surve Nagar, Adarsh Nagar, Soudamini Society, Pragati Nagar, Shahane Layout, Baghani Layout, Trimurti Nagar, Subhash Nagar, Bhende Layout, Sonegaon, Lokseva Nagar, Indraprasth Nagar, Amar Asha Layout, Pannase Layout, HB

Estate, Mamta Society, Swagat Society, Parate Nagar, Samarth Nagar, Adhyapak Layout, LIG, MIG, HIG Colony, Trishran Nagar, Ahilya Nagar, Hiranwar Layout, Prasad Nagar, Sahakar Nagar, Gajanan Dham, Manish Layout, Jalvihar Colony, Mangaldham Society, Jalatarang, Nelco Society, NIT Bhagyashree Layout, Zade Layout, Ashtavinayak Nagar, Cosmos Town, Radheshyam Nagar, Sangharsh Nagar.

3. **Jaitala GSR CA:** Ramabai Ambedkar Nagar, Date Layout, Wadaskar Layout, Shiv Vihar, Vijay Vihar, Hiranwar Layout, Janhiti Society, Ekmat Nagar, Dadaji Nagar, Wankhede Layout, Phakidde Layout, Jaitala Slum, Mahindra Colony, Thakre Layout, Sharda Nagar, Sai Layout, Bhange Layout.

4. **Trimurti Nagar CA:** Sonegaon, Panasse Layout, HB Estate, Sahakar Nagar, Gajanan Dham, Paradise Society, Mamta Society, Samarth Nagar, Vijay Society, Indraprasth Nagar, Lokseva Nagar, Manish Layout, Sainath Nagar, Adarsh Colony, Priyadarshani Nagar, Amar Asha Layout, Phulsange Layout, Bhujbal Layout, Gedam Layout, Guddhe Layout. Maintenance is essential for the long-term safety and reliability of the water infrastructure. Residents in the affected areas are requested to take note of the shutdown schedule and make necessary arrangements to minimize inconvenience.

For more information about water supply, consumers can contact NMC-OCW Helpline No 1800 266 9899 or email at contact@ocwindia.com.

## Sitting in big pothole, Kiran Thakre stages agitation in Deoli

**Deoli 15 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Kiran Thakre, President of the Yuva Sangharsh Morcha, sat inside a large pothole on the Deoli-Dighi-Bopapur road for four hours to demand urgent repairing of the road. The protest highlighted the long-pending demand of the road construction which has remained in poor and broken condition for over three years.

The state transport bus service to Dighi village has been suspended due to the hazardous road, causing immense hardship to students, farmers, workers, and daily commuters. Adding to their woes, a bridge under construction on the

same route has remained incomplete for over a year. Despite repeated complaints from locals, the Public Works Department (PWD) did not pay attention towards this demand. Many villagers participated with Thakre in this "chakka jam" protest. Dighi Sarpanch Sandeep Dighikar, Bopapur Sarpanch Vinod Dandade, and numerous residents participated in the demonstration, demanding immediate action.

The protest began at 9 AM and continued until 1 PM. PWD Assistant Engineer Mr. Khanvilkar arrived at the site and assured the protesters that road patchwork would commence the same day and bridge construction

would resume from the next day. After getting assurance, from the officials, agitation was called off. Police officials, including PSI Ashwin Gajbhye and his team, were present to maintain law and order during the peaceful protest. Pravin Katre, Swapnil Madankar, Jyotsna Raut,



Rajesh Ingle, Hitesh Dighikar, Amol Dighikar, Gajanan Kadukar, Ghanshyam Kamble, Vijay Davale, and many others from Dighi and Bopapur took part in this protest.



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# Visually impaired couple tie knot in unique wedding

**Anjangaon Surji 15 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Weddings are held nearly every day in our society. Sometimes these weddings take place with great pomp, sometimes with simplicity. However, some marriages remain etched in the memories of the society for a long time, reminding us of humanitarian values. On Friday (June 13), one such spectacular wedding ceremony was held at Anjangaon Surji, in which the marriage of a visually impaired couple was organised with the initiative of the Revenue Department, journalists organisations and social organizations. This marriage ceremony marked the commencement of a bright beginning in their dark lives. This marriage ceremony provided the society with a living example of humanity, cooperation and understanding.

## Message to society

This marriage was a unique experiment initiated by a government agency, in collaboration with journalists organisations and social organisations. It highlighted that disability is not a problem in society, but a rather inspiring opportunity. Such marriages spread positivity in the society, and the number of people who lend a helping hand increases.

## Pride of citizens

This marriage was a unique event in the history of Anjangaon Surji. Many watched the wedding ceremony with tears in their eyes. There was an atmosphere of humanity, love, and togetherness prevailing everywhere. Everyone present at the wedding ceremony extended best wishes to the disabled couple well for their new beginnings in life.

## Several dignitaries grace ceremony, bless couple

Kamal Gawai (former lady governor), MLA Gajanan Lawate, former legislator Ramesh Bundile, Tehsildar Pushpa Solanke, Sub-Divisional Police Officer Rahul Gaikwad, PI Prakash Ahire, Group Education Officer Sudhir

Khode, Prof. Premkumar Boke, S a n d e e p p a l Maharaj, Pravin Petkar and many social activists and office bearers of various organisations were present at this wedding ceremony. The dignitaries extended best wishes to the newlywed couple well and blessed them for their new life.

## Social message propagated through invitation card

After the wedding invitation went viral on social media, many citizens of the taluka expressed their desire to attend the wedding ceremony on their own. Many got the honour of witnessing the couple's commencement of a new life by donating flowers, gifts, and gracing the venue with their invaluable presence.

## Tehsildar too attends wedding

Tehsildar Pushpa Solanke, not only considered this marriage as a social initiative, but also took responsibility for the entire wedding ceremony, considering it her moral responsibility. She involved all the employees of the revenue department in this initiative. She also involved journalists from the taluka, social organisations, and women office bearers of Jijau Brigade, creating a unique wedding experience. From Haldi to welcome ceremony, communities come together.

On June 12, a Haldi programme of Nivrutti and Sangita was held at the residence of Vaishali Bolke at the initiative of the women office bearers of Jijau Brigade. All the attendees experienced complete



excitement, joy and closeness of relationship. On June 13, the wedding ceremony started early in the morning at the wedding venue. Revenue department employees, journalists, social activists and villagers all contributed to this wedding as if it was their household work. The responsibility of all the tasks like preparing the bride and bridegroom, decorating the wedding venue, and arranging food was divided among them.

## Couple was born blind but have a vision for life

Nivrutti Wankhade of Darapur in Daryapur taluka and Sangita Solanke of Shendgaon in Anjangaon Surji taluka are both blind from birth. Their physical disabilities were hindering their marriage prospects. However, Nivrutti has pursued higher education and Sangita has also completed her education up to standard XII. Both of them are trying to become self-reliant and want to make their presence felt in the society.

## Initiation of marriage proposal

The idea of bringing these two together came to the mind of Punjaram Raut, a disabled activist from Anjangaon Surji. He contacted journalist Ashok Pinjarkar. Pinjarkar followed-up the matter for this marriage and discussed the issue with Tehsildar Pushpa Solanke (Daberao) with the aim of creating a different role model in the society.

# Samadhan Chandekar ends hunger strike in Wadgaon Fatepur

**Achalpur 15 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** The hunger strike started by Gram Panchayat member Samadhan Chandekar due to the ongoing dispute regarding smart meters in Wadgaon Fatepur village under the jurisdiction of Parsapur MSedCL Centre under Subdivision city 1 has now ended. Samadhan Chandekar said that after the installation of smart meters in the village, the electricity bill has increased by leaps and bounds as a result of which the villagers are facing immense financial difficulties. He had chosen to traverse on the path of staging a hunger strike agitation on this issue. During this agitation, Deputy Executive Engineer Umesh Rathod and Assistant Engineer Nilesh Rote called on Samadhan twice. Discussions were held with Chandekar, but the hunger strike continued as no suitable solution was arrived at. Later on, Suresh Maske, officer-in-charge of Paratwada police station, and Nazim Sheikh of intelligence department mediated to resolve the crisis. During the meeting,



Executive Engineer Umesh Rathod ended his hunger strike by giving him juice. MSedCL officials have also clarified that all the smart meters installed in the village will be checked and if any defect is found in any meter, the concerned electricity bill will be revised and then only it will be dispatched.

# Heavy rains from bring relief to farmers Onset of monsoon in Tiwasa taluka

## Farmers elated, preparations for Kharif season in full swing

**Tiwasa 15 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Rains have finally made a robust appearance in the city as well as the rural areas of the taluka, accompanied by thunderstorms. The area which has been literally thirsty for the last several days, has found a new lease of life. Citizens, who were reeling under scorching temperatures and the farmers, who were looking towards the sky over the issue of sowing, are now heaving a sigh of relief. Monsoon season has commenced from June 15. The Indian Meteorological Department had already predicted that the onset of monsoon would take place soon. The rains that had already occurred before that have brought joy to nature. As soon as the rainfall started, greenery has started spreading everywhere, from trees to farmlands. Farmers were initially hit by unseasonal rains during May-June and the subsequent intense hot weather in turn has created an atmosphere of concern about the Kharif season. However, now there is a twist as far as weather conditions are concerned. Farmers have once again accelerated agricultural activities. Those who are tilling the land have already started preparing seeds, fertilisers and pesticides. Sowing has started in some areas. This year,



crops like soybean, tur, and moong are likely to be more popular among the farmers of the taluka.

## An appeal for planned farming

Light to moderate rainfall is continuing in various parts of the taluka, and according to the meteorological department's forecast, the intensity of the rainfall is likely to increase in the next few days. Therefore, the agriculture department has appealed to the farmers to be careful and carry out planned farming. Finally, the kharif season has commenced with the arrival of the monsoon season that was eagerly awaited everywhere. Farmers have started working again with enthusiasm, and there is hope of a bumper harvest in store for farmers this year.

# Young farmer dies after being struck by lightning bolt in Turkhed

**Anjangaon Surji 15 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A 25-year-old young farmer died after being struck by a lightning bolt while sowing in a farm in Turkhed in the taluka. He is the first victim of torrential rains in the taluka this year, and this incident has resulted in the area descending into a pall of gloom. The deceased youth has been identified as Pawan Deepak Kolhe (25) and he was a resident of Turkhed village. On Saturday afternoon, Pawan and his mother Nirmala Deepak Kolhe (51) were sowing tur and sarki in their farm with the help of labourers. Suddenly, heavy rains accompanied by lightning commenced in the afternoon.

Lightning started flashing in the sky. While everyone was looking for shelter near the edge of the farm, suddenly a lightning bolt struck Pawan. He received a severe shock and his mother, who was some distance away, also felt some of the electric shock. Both of them fell unconscious in the farm. Since the farmland is in the vicinity of the village, the villagers rushed to the spot within a few moments. They tried to bring both of them to consciousness. Since Pawan's con-

dition was serious, he was immediately admitted to a hospital in Akot. However, the doctors declared him dead after examination. Pawan was unmarried and was the main pillar of support in his family. The victim's family consists of both parents and a brother. They possess a small 1.5 acre farm. Pawan's sudden demise has devastated the entire family.

As it was night, the autopsy process will be carried out the next day at Anjangaon Surji. Citizens of Turkhed and the surrounding areas are in a state of mourning, and the tragic end of the young farmer who risked his life to sow in his farm has resulted in a pall of gloom descending on the area. In the aftermath of the incident locals have put forth the demand that the administration should seriously implement agri-weather warning system so that such kind of untoward incidents do not recur.



# Tricksters disguised as monks steal 20-gram gold chain

## City Kotwali Police book duo

**Amravati 15 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** In a clothing shop named 'Devi Traders' situated at Bachhraj Plot, two men disguised as monks deceived a merchant and stole a 20-gram gold chain worth Rs 60 thousand from his neck. The incident took place at around 1.30 pm on Friday afternoon. In this case, on the basis of a complaint registered by merchant Shlok Satish Gupta, City Kotwali police have registered a case of cheating against two unidentified persons. According to the information received, Shlok Gupta (27) was sitting in his shop at Bachcharaj Plot on Friday (June 13). At that time, two persons disguised as monks came to the shop. They demanded tea and water. So Shlok sent his servant out. In the meantime, both the monks started leaving the shop. Shlok went to fall at their feet. At that time, he gave a dakshina of Rs 10. The monks wrapped the amount in a paper and gave it back to Shlok, which contained Rs 10 and some materials like Rudraksha.

After this, Shlok took the monk to the shop's warehouse. There, the monk put rose petals and asked him to close his eyes. At the same time, he again gave him an article. The material handed over to Shlok contained a Rs 100 note, a Rs 10 coin, Rudraksha, and some other items. While Shlok was bowing down at the feet of the sadhu, he touched the chain around his neck. At that time, ashes also fell from his hand. The sadhu collected the ashes, tied them again in a piece of paper and gave it to Shlok. After some time, Shlok realised that the chain was not around his neck. When he asked the sadhu, he made Shlok sit on a stool and covered his face with a red cloth and said, "Open this bag in an hour, you will see the chain and the pandal (worship material) inside." Saying this, the duo left from the shop premises. After an hour, when the victim opened the bag, only ashes were found inside. After realising that he had been cheated, Shlok filed a complaint at City Kotwali Police Station. Local police have registered a case against two unidentified tricksters disguised as monks and have started an investigation into the case.



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# LCB unit 1 recovers stolen unicorn bike

**Amravati 15 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Cracking the case of a two-wheeler theft registered at Gadgenagar Police Station, Local Crime Branch Unit 1 has seized a Honda Unicorn two-wheeler worth Rs. 80 thousand. In this case, two minors entangled in legal issues have been taken into custody and the duo have been handed over to Gadgenagar Police for further legal action. The incident took place on June 10, 2025.

According to the complaint of the victim Harish Kisanrao Mankar (resident of Khallar, Daryapur), an unidentified person had stolen his Honda Unicorn two-wheeler (CK 27 UD9141).

The case was registered at Gadgenagar Police Station under Section 379 of BNS. Police Commissioner Arvind Chawaria, Deputy Commissioner Sagar Patil, Deputy Commissioner Kalpana Barawkar, Assistant Commissioner of Police Shivaji Bachate (Crime



Branch) and Assistant Commissioner Arun Patil were involved in this action. Police Inspector Gorakhnath Jadhav, API Manish Wakode, PSI Prakash Chopate as well as police personnel Satish Deshmukh, Feroze Khan, Sachin Bahale, Prashant Mohod, Alimuddin Khatib, Nazimuddin Saiyyad, Vikas Gudadhe, Sachin Bhoyar, Suraj Chavan, Nikhil Gedam, Ranjit Gawande, driver Ashok Khangar, Kishor Bengare and other police officials and personnel successfully carried out this operation. Tip off leads to laying of trap

During the probe, personnel and officials of LCB unit 1 started the investigation based on technical information. Based on the information put forth by the undercover informer and CCTV footage, the police personnel searched for the suspected minors and arrested both of them. During the interrogation, they confessed to their role in the crime. The stolen Honda Unicorn two-wheeler was recovered from their possession. The value of the two-wheeler is estimated to be around Rs. 80 thousand.

# Mediation costs youth his very life

## Gadge Nagar cops nab murder accused trio

**Amravati 15 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A young man who had gone to resolve a dispute in Navsari bus stop area was brutally murdered with suspects stabbing him to death at around midnight on Saturday. Gadgenagar police have made a significant breakthrough during the investigation of the case by arresting all three suspects within a span of just a few hours. According to the complaint filed at Gadgenagar police station, the deceased Nikhil Subhashrao Thorat (aged 29 years, resident of Mahatma Phule Nagar, Navsari) had left his house at around 12 am on June 14, saying that he was 'going to put up a banner'. Soon afterwards, Nikhil's brother received a call from his friend Sagar Basukar and said that Nikhil had been attacked with a knife in the vicinity of Navsari bus stop and was seriously injured. After that, he was immediately taken to Irwin Hospital, but the doctors declared him dead on arriving there. On receiving information about the incident, Gadgenagar police rushed to the hospital and went to the site of the incident and started investigation of the case. Preliminary investigation has revealed that Nikhil had gone ahead to resolve a dispute between some youths in his area a few days ago. The accused, angered by his meddling into their affairs, stabbed Nikhil on the neck and killed him. A murder case has been registered



against Himanshu alias Dahu Chhetri, Yash Omprakash Kanodia and Jayesh alias Tatya Gaikwad in the aftermath of the incident. The accused had absconded after the incident. However, the DB teams of Gadgenagar Police Station led by Senior Police Inspector Dinesh Dahatonde immediately launched a search operation and tracked down the suspects and arrested all the three. The teams of Assistant Police Sub-Inspector Javed Ahmed, Police Constable Bharat Wankhade and Nilesh Jundhare played an important role in this operation. This operation was carried out under the guidance of Police Commissioner Arvind Chawaria, Deputy Commissioner Sagar Patil, Assistant Police Commissioner Arun Patil. Further investigation into the incident is being conducted by Assistant Police Inspector Manoj Mankar.

# Sananda family extend warm welcome to Dy CM Ajit Pawar, state ministers

## Silver idol of Lord Shri Ram Darbar present on the occasion

**Khamgaon 15 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Ajit Pawar recently visited Khamgaon town and paid a goodwill visit to the residence of former legislator Rana Dilipkumar Sananda at Sananda Niketan. On the occasion, he was accompanied by the Minister of Relief and Rehabilitation of Maharashtra State and Guardian Minister of Buldhana District, Makarand Patil, Minister of State for Public Works Department, Indranil Naik, Coordinator of Amravati Division, Member of Legislative Council, Sanjay Khodke, Member of Legislative Council, Amol Mitkari, legislator of Sindhkhed Raja legislative assembly constituency, Manoj Kayande, Youth wing regional President of Nationalist Congress Party, Suraj Chavan, former legislator Zeeshan Siddiqui, Buldhana District President of Nationalist Congress Party, Adv. Nazir Quazi and other dignitaries. On the occasion, former Mayor Alkadevi



Sananda anointed Ajitdada Pawar with Tilak. Also, former legislator Rana Dilipkumar Sananda felicitated Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar with a shawl and floral bouquet and presented him with a silver idol of Lord Shri Ramchandra's Ram Darbar in Kshatriya style grandeur. Also, Buldhana District Guardian Minister Makarand Patil and Minister of State for Public Works Department, Indranil Naik, who were with Ajit Pawar on this occasion, were also felicitated by Sananda presenting a silver idol of Lord Shri Ramchandra's Ram Darbar on behalf of Sananda family. Lord Shri Ram was a Kshatriya and protecting the common man is the basic role of Kshatriyas. In order to draw inspiration from Lord Shri Ram to carry out constructive work, the dignitaries were felicitated by giving a silver

idol of Lord Shri Ramchandra. Similarly, Legislative Council Member Sanjay Khodke, Legislative Council Member Amol Mitkari, and legislator of Sindhkhed Raja legislative assembly constituency Manoj Kayande were also felicitated by giving a silver idol of Shakti Deity Bajrangballi. On the occasion, former Mayor Rana Ashok Singh Sananda, Savita Devi Sananda, Rana Rajendra Singh Sananda, former corporator Rana Amey Kumar Sananda, Rana Anand Kumar Sananda, Rana Sagar Kumar Sananda, Rana Gaurav Kumar Sananda, Rana Pratik Singh Sananda, Rana Divvijay Singh Sananda, Rana Tanmay Singh Sananda were also felicitated. Several members of the Sananda family were present on the occasion.

# Rashtriya Samaj Paksh shall always stand beside farmers: Atul Ingle

**Amravati 15 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Rashtriya Samaj Paksh has always followed the policy of standing beside the farmers since the very beginning, and its stance will continue to remain the same in future as well. Under his guidance, we will faithfully fulfill the responsibility we have given for the welfare of the farmers, assured Rashtriya Samaj Paksha President Mahadev Jankar. Jankar called on Bachchu Kadu at Mozari on Thursday (12). At that time, Ingle welcomed Jankar. On the occasion, a large number of activists and office bearers from Amravati, Yavatmal, Washim, Wardha, Akola, Buldhana along with state vice-president Dr. Tausif Sheikh, leaders Akshay Katre, Ramonand Lahalka, Sanjay Kalaskar were prominently present. On the occasion, Mahadev Jankar strongly criticised the government. The government will now have to answer the concerns and questions put forth by the people. He issued a clear warning to the government that it should fulfill the promise of implementing loan waiver scheme by carrying out the necessary

formalities with the farmers' accounts as soon as possible, otherwise the agitation will be intensified as per democratic means. Bachchu Kadu is known throughout Maharashtra as a leader who constantly strives for issues such as state of the art healthcare facilities and farmers' issues and raises his voice for sake of rights of the people. On the occasion, the Rashtriya Samaj Paksh top brass publicly supported this agitation and expressed its determination to continue the fight until the demands of Prahar Janshakti Party are met.





# Relief for Nagpur family as doctor son survives Ahmedabad plane crash

**Nagpur 15 June:** A young doctor from Nagpur, Dr Sushant Deshmukh, narrowly escaped death when Air India Flight AI 171 crashed into the hostel premises of B.J. Medical College in Ahmedabad on 12 June. Dr Deshmukh, a medical intern at the college, was present in the building at the time of the tragic incident. The crash, which claimed the lives of over 270 people including dozens on the ground, struck the Atulyam Hostel where many interns were staying. Dr Deshmukh described the terrifying

experience, stating that if the plane had tilted just slightly differently, it could have hit the main hospital building and caused even greater loss of life. Though physically unharmed, he witnessed the hostel engulfed in flames and suffered the trauma of seeing friends and colleagues injured. "It was horrifying. I still can't believe I made it out alive," he said. The hostel has since been sealed by authorities for safety reasons. His mother, Dr Sushama Deshmukh, a well-known gynaecologist in Nagpur, expressed relief that her son



was safe but acknowledged the emotional toll it had taken on him. "He's safe, but shaken. Many of his friends are injured, and he's doing all he can to help," she said. According to the Federation of All India Medical

Association (FAIMA), around 50-60 medical students from the neighbouring hostels were injured and admitted to hospital. Some remain in critical condition, and a resident doctor's wife is among the deceased. FAIMA has appealed to the public for blood donations to assist with ongoing treatment efforts. Authorities continue to investigate the cause of the crash, which has left a deep impact on the medical community and raised questions about aviation safety and emergency preparedness.

# Nagpur School Principal, teachers booked for harassing student over unpaid fees

**Nagpur 15 June:** A private school in Nagpur has come under scrutiny after its principal and several teachers were booked for allegedly harassing a student over unpaid school fees. The incident has sparked concern among parents and education activists, raising questions about the treatment of students in fee-related disputes.

The case was registered following a complaint by the student's family, who alleged that the school staff mentally harassed their child and threatened to withhold her exam results due to pending dues. According to the complaint, the student



was singled out and verbally humiliated, causing emotional distress.

Police have booked the school principal and staff under relevant

sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Juvenile Justice Act. An investigation is currently underway. Legal experts and child rights advocates have pointed out that such actions directly violate Supreme Court and Bombay High Court orders, which state that no student should be punished, denied results, or humiliated over non-payment of fees. The law mandates that fee disputes be resolved between schools and parents, without impacting the student's education or dignity. The school has not yet issued an official statement on the matter. Meanwhile, the incident has prompted calls for stricter enforcement of student protection laws in educational institutions.

# City residents grappling with frequent power cuts

**Nagpur 15 June:** People in Nagpur are unhappy as power cuts continue to trouble many parts of the city. Even though the electricity board is doing repair and maintenance work, power is still going off often, sometimes without any warning. Areas like Besa, Pipla, Hudkeshwar, Ayodhya Nagar, and parts of East, South, and North Nagpur are facing regular blackouts. These power cuts are happening during the day and night, making it hard for families to sleep, study, or stay cool in the summer heat. Many students, elderly people, and pregnant women are struggling the most. The Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company



Limited (MSEDCL) says the power cuts are happening because of several reasons. These include high demand due to hot weather, damage to underground cables from road work, and problems with old transformers. Sometimes, even a small fault in a cable can lead to a big power failure. Although MSEDCL is trying to fix problems quickly — sometimes in just 30 minutes — residents say there is not

enough information or help when the power goes out. Many complaint calls go unanswered. Recently, BJP leaders and local citizens held a protest at the Hivarinagar power station, asking for better power supply.

The Nagpur Municipal Corporation is also facing problems as water supply is being affected due to power cuts at water pumping stations. To help, the authorities are setting up diesel generators at these stations.

But residents are asking for better planning, clear updates on power cuts, and quicker repairs. With the rainy season coming soon, people hope the situation improves before it gets worse.

**Nagpur 15 June:** In a tragic incident that unfolded on Friday evening around 4:30 PM, two 18-year-old youths drowned in Gorewada Lake while out partying with friends. The deceased have been identified as Satish Ramraj Deshbhritar and Aniket Dhanraj Badge, both residents of Manavta Nagar. Reports confirm that the two were maternal cousins. According to information provided by Gittikhadan Police, the duo had gone to Gorewada Lake with three friends—Sahil



Kailas Chauri (21), Yash Adesh Uke (17), and Kunal Sudhakar Uke (13)—to celebrate. Some members of the group had reportedly consumed alcohol. None of

them knew how to swim, which is why they initially stayed near the water's edge. During the outing, Sahil, Yash, and Kunal stepped away from the group to take photos on their mobile phones. Meanwhile, Satish and Aniket, allegedly under the influence of alcohol, ventured into the lake. Unable to swim, both began to drown and quickly disappeared beneath the surface. When their friends returned and found only the clothing of the two at the water's edge, they panicked. Hearing their cries for

help, locals rushed to the scene and alerted the Gittikhadan Police. The fire department was immediately contacted, and a rescue operation was launched. The rescue team recovered both bodies from the lake soon after.

Police have registered a case of accidental death and begun further investigation. The shocking incident has plunged Manavta Nagar into mourning. Family members and local residents are devastated by the sudden loss of the young boys.

# Former corporators, poll aspirants allege decline in services, blame civic authorities

**Nagpur 15 June:** Former corporators and aspiring candidates have intensified their criticism of the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) administration. They hold the absence of elected representation over the last three years responsible for the decline in civic services in the city.

A day after MLC and former mayor Sandip Joshi flagged the worsening sanitation situation despite NMC having over 7,000 sanitation workers on its payroll, former corporators from across party lines echoed similar concerns. Many said the administrator-led system, in place since March 2022, failed to deliver basic civic services and created a governance vacuum. Former NCP corporator Duneswar Pethi alleged that development work in non-BJP areas was stalled or selectively cleared. "Unless a file was pushed by someone influential in the BJP, it remained pending. Slum and peripheral areas were worst affected. Since the general body was dissolved, there's been no

accountability. People had no voice," Pethi told reporters. Abha Pande, a former independent corporator, said that citizens were left directionless. "Earlier, people could approach corporators even for minor issues. In the last three years, there's been no one to listen to them. Officers are not answerable, and complaints related to sewer lines, garbage collection, and potholes remained pending. This is not how a city should function," she said. Adding to the growing list of voices, Abhijit Jha, a first-time poll aspirant, alleged large-scale corruption during the administrator's tenure. "Public money was misused. Tenders were awarded without transparency. Key services like sewage repair and roadwork were not prioritised. There's a deep nexus between officials and contractors. A detailed probe will reveal the scale of misgovernance," he alleged. Senior BJP leader and former corporator Vijay Zalke also admitted that the absence of elected representatives contributed to growing public anger.

"Irrespective of the party in power, people always look to corporators first. For three years, the administrative system operated without ground-level feedback. This disconnect has hurt the city. It's time an elected body returns so that governance becomes responsive again," he said. All voices, regardless of political affiliation, stressed the urgency of reinstating an elected general body to restore public accountability. "Only corporators understand the pulse of their wards."

Administrative rule may work in smaller towns, but Nagpur needs its local representatives back," Pande added. While the state govt has recently initiated the ward redesign process—set to be carried out by a high-powered committee headed by the municipal commissioner—ex-corporators warn that any further delay in civic polls will only deepen public frustration. "The people of Nagpur deserve elected representatives and responsive governance. Civic polls must happen without delay," Pethi said.

# Raisoni Memorial Chess: West Bengal's Kundu wins title



**Nagpur 15 June:** IM Kaustav Kundu of West Bengal won the title in 18th GH Raisoni Memorial International FIDE Classical Rating Chess Tournament which concluded on Friday at GH Raisoni Institute of Information and Technology, Shradddha Park, Wadi Hingna Link Road, Nagpur. Top seed IM Kundu scored 10½ points from 11 rounds to win the title with a clear margin of 1½ points. Second seed FMArun Kataria of Rajasthan and Nagpur youngster Shaunak Badole scored 9 points each and were placed second and third respectively based on their tiebreak scores. Nagpur kid Kushagra Paliwal, Suhan Deshpande of Maharashtra, Nilay Kulkarni of Maharashtra, Arpita Patankar of Gujarat scored 8½ points apiece and were placed from 4th to 7th place according to their tiebreak scores. Kundu got the cash

prize of Rs 51000 and a glittering trophy while Kataria got Rs 31000 as cash prize. Badole pocketed the prize of Rs 26000. Prizes were distributed at the hands of chief guest Swapnil Ahirkar, Social Worker and Director Ahirkar Group of Industries. Amit Gandhare, Director (Public Relations) Raisoni Group and Amit Yenukar, Director MKH Sancheti Group were guests of honour. Bhushan Shriwas, Secretary, Kalpana Prakash Welfare Foundation and was recognised by the Chess Association Nagpur and IA Ajinkya Pingale Chief Arbitrer were seated on dais. SS Soman, Member MCA Observer Committee conducted the proceedings and proposed a vote of thanks. Apart from cash prizes to Top 15 finishers, prizes were distributed to Best Veteran Category, Best Nagpur, Best Female 18+ and Best unrated players.

Attractive trophies were given to the top finishers in Under-7, 9, 11, 13, 15. Pingale was assisted by Deputy Chief Arbitrer FA Shiva Iyer, FA Sagar Sakhare, FA Amit Tembhurne, SNA Sham Agrawal, SNA Prayas Ambade, SNA Shishir Indurkar and Prathamesh Machave. The tournament was organised by GH Raisoni Sports and Cultural Foundation jointly with Kalpana Prakash Welfare Foundation and was recognised by the Chess Association Nagpur, Maharashtra Chess Association, All India Chess Federation and FIDE. The 18th edition of GH Raisoni FIDE Rapid Chess Tournament starts on Saturday at 9.30 am.

The blitz rating event shall be held on June 15 and will be followed by the prize distribution of rapid and blitz events.

# Ambazari Lake Hyacinth removal gets massive push

**Nagpur 15 June:** The Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has resumed a massive drive to remove water hyacinth which has swamped nearly one-third of the Ambazari lake as part of its flood-



prevention measure and have deployed pochain machines and other equipment. With the civic elections scheduled to be held later this year, flooding could become a major poll issue, especially when memories of the September 23, 2023, floods are still fresh. In case there is a repeat of 9/23 disaster and city areas get inundated, it will hand down a potential ammunition to those aspiring to contest the impending NMC polls to go ballistic against the civic administration and the BJP-ruled state govt. The citizens affected by the 9/23 flood are already unhappy with the slow pace of work like construction of retaining wall along the Nag River. While the officials say the renewed efforts to remove the hyacinth are part of its pre-monsoon preparedness, there could be a political push too to get the drive completed before peak monsoon, said sources. Officials say the thick growth of hyacinth at the

overflow point hindered the smooth discharge of water into downstream drains and the Nag River, leading to backflow and urban flooding, especially during the last monsoon. While the NMC has been periodically removing the weed, experts say the root cause needs long-term scientific intervention. The civic body also sought assistance from the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (Neeri) to study and control the hyacinth problem. According to officials, water hyacinth — commonly mistaken for water lilies — covered nearly one-third of Ambazari Lake just a few days ago. However, with intensified efforts, tonnes of the invasive aquatic plant are now being extracted daily. The floating mats of hyacinth became a major concern, especially after recent rains, when they were seen drifting into the Nag River and clogging the flow of stormwater.

# Contestants ensure AI reality check before plunging into civic body polls

**Nagpur 16 June:** Artificial Intelligence (AI) can do a lot many things that can help improve efficiency and productivity on individual or organisational level, but can it predict how an aspirant will fare in an election? That's no longer a question, but something that's already being tried and tested. In fact, AI is the latest trend in poll strategy with aspirants seeking "advice" about their chances of winning, before throwing their hat in the ring. Some poll strategy/survey companies are now offering an AI-driven analytics services to prepare a full report on the chances (in percentage) an aspirant has in a particular ward, based on past poll records, political competition, ground surveys and issues which are connecting with people. An aspirant from North Nagpur, who wanted to check his prospects in the upcoming civic body elections, got such a report from a Mumbai-based company. The aspirant told reporters that it was a cost-effective way to get a reality check. "It's like a marriage kundli-matching report," he laughed while explaining the concept. "For less than Rs 3 lakh I get this report which provides me with a neutral view on what my chances are, regardless of what my supporters say or what I feel. This way, I can decide whether or not to spend a lot of money in the entire poll campaign," said the aspirant. This AI generated testing-the-waters report works out best for poll aspirants who are not career politicians, though the data is crucial for every category of aspirant. Successful businessmen and moneybags who are keen to try their luck in politics still keep the 'economic viability' of their new venture in mind. This poll aspirant got journalists in touch with two others who also got the report made, and said "it helps

a lot". One of them said, "The report is very detailed and we got it in Marathi only. A team came down here and did the survey and two weeks later I got the report. The chart showed us which issues are important in the ward and which party is the preferred one. Then there was an advice on what issues I will have to focus on for victory. But my report gave a low chance of me winning, so I am thinking whether or not to contest." Through these poll aspirants, journalists got in touch with the company in Mumbai, which prepared the reports. Speaking on behalf of the company, Chaitanya Wadekar said even before internet came, surveys were being done. "What has changed now is how the data is collected and most importantly — due to advent of AI — how that data is analyzed and presented," Wadekar said. Wadekar said, "AI predictive model becomes better as more data pours in. We feed it with our intensive ground intel, combined with old poll results, demographics, issues etc to get a more detailed response. Our digital AI-driven database also identifies local influencers, be it social media stars, activists, lawyers, community leaders, who each can swing a few hundred or even a thousand votes in favour of the candidate." Poll aspirants also get a dedicated online dashboard, in Marathi too, and at the click of the button they can see a comprehensive interactive report. The third poll aspirant journalists spoke with said, "Everyone enters polls to win, nobody says I am here to lose unless you have an agenda to cut votes. And at the civic body level, candidates have to mostly put up their own funds. So, the more accurate information you can get, the better."

# Traffic cops take action on 5124 riders flouting norms



**Nagpur 15 June:** Traffic cops took action against a total of 5124 riders under various sections of the Motor Vehicles Act and collected a total fine of Rs 4.07 lakh from the erring riders. Under the Bombay Liquor Prohibition Act, 6 suspects have been arrested in 6 cases and material worth Rs 35 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.

# Climate resilience a far cry for region's districts

Urgent action is the need of the hour

**Nagpur 15 June:** Climate change is severely impacting most districts in Vidarbha region which has earned the ignominy of farm distress. Farmers in Chandrapur are battling rising heat and pollution. Yavatmal is still stuck in a deadly drought-cotton trap, and Gadchiroli's tribal growers are at a loss for options to stem crop loss. A new study has exposed the growing divide in Vidarbha, revealing how some districts are adapting to climate change, while others are perilously at the mercy of vagaries of nature in the absence of basic support needed to mitigate environmental adversities. The study, conducted by Chaitanya Ashok Adhav, a PhD scholar in agricultural economics and Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Research Fellowship researcher with govt of Maharashtra, brings out the climate resilience dichotomy in Vidarbha. In the absence of urgent, district-wise action, the region could reel under a new fresh wave of agrarian crisis. "Vidarbha is not a

uniform region when it comes to climate preparedness. While districts like Nagpur and Akola are coping better, places like Yavatmal, Gadchiroli and Chandrapur are still in the environmental and economical quagmire," Adhav told reporters. The study, published in the International Journal of Environment and Climate Change, uses a special climate resilience index to measure each district's risk, support systems and ability to recover from climate shocks.

As per the research, Nagpur leads the region in climate resilience, thanks to the presence of research institutions, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), market access and adoption of drought-tolerant seeds. Many farmers here use precision farming and benefit from post-harvest infrastructure and agro-processing units. But even Nagpur has gaps. "Tribal communities and women farmers in Nagpur's interiors are often excluded from such benefits, necessitating these reach

out across the district," says Adhav.

The study identifies three worst-hit districts. Yavatmal, infamous for farm suicides, continues to suffer from droughts, erratic rainfall and over-reliance on cotton monocropping. Govt schemes like PM Fasal Bima Yojana haven't had the desired impact. "Farmers, it seems, have lost faith in the system," says Adhav. In predominantly tribal Gadchiroli where people are largely dependent on forests, the lack of modern irrigation facility, mobile networks and agri-extension services means central schemes like Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) never reach them, the study claims. It also points out that coal-rich Chandrapur is poor in sustainable agriculture and extensive mining is only worsening the situation. "Though Chandrapur has roads and infrastructure, the local climate is wreaking havoc which is putting farming communities in danger," Adhav explains. Though the situation in Washim,

Wardha, Gondia and Buldhana districts is not bad, it can't be termed as doing well either.

They benefit from access to govt schemes like Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) and PMKSY, but these districts are plagued by problems such as depleting groundwater, small and scattered landholdings, and skewed access — richer farmers benefit more — eventually leading to poor climate resilience, the study states.

The research points out that these districts have embraced mixed cropping, integrated farming and agri-digital platforms like e-NAM. In Bhadara, community-led irrigation and better rainfall have helped. Akola and Amravati's research networks are translating into practical help for farmers on the ground, the study says. Adhav urges a district-specific climate action plan, customised to local needs and realities. "This is a crisis we can still manage but requires smart and quick action. We need to fix what's broken before climate disasters become the new normal in Vidarbha," Adhav said.



# Animal Husbandry Department should provide medical services at doorstep: Minister Pankaja Munde

## Certificates of registration of cowsheds distributed

**Amravati 15 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Due to the efforts of the government, the inclination of farmers towards the animal husbandry sector is increasing by leaps and bounds. The Animal Husbandry Department should take care of the health of these animals. If necessary, the department should provide services at the doorstep for treatment of animals, directed state minister for Animal Husbandry and Environment and Climate Change Pankaja Munde. A review meeting of the Animal Husbandry Department was conducted on Sunday. Dr. YS Wanjari, Dr. Shashikant Kanphade, Dr. Sandeep Ingle, Dr. Shivendra Mahalle, Dr. Sudhir Chaudhar, Dr. Rajendra Pethe, Dr. Dilip Deshmukh and other officials from the Animal Husbandry Department were present on the occasion. Munde said that the health of animals



should be taken care of in a rather robust way. Efforts are being made to set up state of the art laboratories and clinics in the district. Home delivery services should be provided especially at the taluka level. There should be good quality facilities in cowsheds. The cowsheds should be fenced with wire. The animals being admitted into these healthcare facilities should be treated properly. Over 3 thousand cows have been given

subsidy under the Deshi Gai Pariposhan Yojana. Along with this, milching animals are being distributed and trained under Manav Vikas. Data about these animals should be maintained. Also, they should be provided with the necessary assistance. Since milching animals need pasture, fodder should be arranged by taking up work under the Pasture Development Programme. 217 Beneficiaries have been provided benefits under the

Mahamesh Scheme. Special attention should be paid to this issue.

On the occasion, the certificate of cowshed registration were distributed in a symbolic manner by minister Munde. After this, she took stock of the progress of schemes run by the Environment Department. The sewage treatment system in the areas under the jurisdiction of the civic body should be handled efficiently. The

relevant department should be advised to set up a water treatment centre, mainly in the urban areas. The relevant civic bodies should be asked to make arrangements to collect the water required for sewage treatment in the region. Complaints of air and water pollution are being received as far as industrial installations are concerned. The concerned authorities should take immediate cognisance of these complaints and appropriate measures should be taken in this regard.

There is a thriving textile industry in Amravati. The sewage treatment system here should be checked. There are complaints coming to the fore about air pollution emanating from local power generation plants. Therefore, minister Munde directed that the disposal of ash and sewage generated from these projects should be planned out in an effective manner.

# Kin of elderly man who perished in tiger attack given Rs 5 lakh financial assistance

Legislator Kewalram Kale gives cheque to tiger attack victim's family



**Churani 15 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** The Forest Department has provided financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh to Harislab based family of Mannu Babla Jawarkar (60), who is a victim of a recent tiger attack in the area. This financial assistance was given to his wife Sukrai Mannu Jawarkar by MLA Kewalram Kale. The increasing number of wild animal attacks in forested areas is posing a threat to human life, and this unfortunate incident has recently created an atmosphere of fear in the area. Jawarkar's death is indeed very unfortunate and a mountain of grief has befallen his family members. On the occasion, Appa Patil, Shailesh Mhala, Gajanan Sulaskar, Ravi Nawlakhe, Ganesh Yewale, Dwarkaprasad Metkar, Ramu Bharve, Akash Khaikar, Kunal Kale along with forest range officers Jatkar, Rahul Dhait, Forest department employee Dhumale, Saratkar, Wankhade and other forest department officials, employees and local villagers were present in large numbers.

During the cheque distribution, MLA Kewalram Kale, while consoling Jawarkar family members, said, 'Losing a head of a family due to the tiger's attack is indeed an irreparable loss. On behalf of the government, apart from rendering financial assistance, it is also necessary to provide psychological support to the family members of tiger attack victims. The Forest Department should implement effective measures to prevent such incidents from recurring,' he said.

The legislator also expressed the view that modern methods should be used to control the movement of wild animals in villages in the vicinity of forest areas. Measures for enhanced public awareness and protection should also be implemented. Although this assistance has brought some relief to Jawarkar family, this incident has once again highlighted the need for immediate implementation of long-term measures to prevent or minimise man-animal conflict.

# Ayurvedic medicine preparation methodology with help of medicinal plants demonstrated

Students avail benefit of hands-on experience

**Wadi 15 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A demonstration session of Ayurvedic medicine preparation with the help of medicinal plants was organised at Datta Meghe Ayurveda Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Wanadongri. In this session, the entire process of medicine preparation was highlighted to the students through a live demonstration programme in the presence of Dr. Santosh Suryakant Pusadkar and Dr. Poonam Madan.



The programme highlighted in detail the scientific identification of medicinal plants, collection, processing and various

stages of medicine preparation. Notably, the students availed the benefit of becoming experienced in the art of preparing medicine themselves. This event has enhanced the practical knowledge of medicine

preparation among the students and Dr. Pusadkar and Dr. Madan highlighted the need to combine traditional Ayurveda techniques with state of the art modern technology. This event paved the way

for gaining hands on experience and was an inspirational exercise for the students not only from an educational point of view but also from a future professional perspective.

**Nagpur 15 June:** Today selfishness and own advantage is seen everywhere, no one has time for others. In today's selfish society, there are few people who work selflessly for humanity. One of them is Dr. Pritam Bhimrao Gedam, a highly educated famous writer from our Nagpur city. Over the years, Dr. Gedam has been serving as a writer, columnist, social activist, guide, litterateur, professor, guest lecturer, consultant, environmentalist and analyst for serious social issues, development and public awareness. Thousands of his articles have been published from country and abroad for social awareness, for which his name has been registered in the India Book of Records. With the aim of making every component of the society aware, he does forestry, environment, de-addiction, cleanliness campaigns, career guidance, employment oriented, educational counselling, and lectures. Conducts various social activities with many NGOs rewarded by the Central and State Governments. Overwhelmed by his social service, the "Veer Shiv Chhatrapati Sangathan, S.R.N. Film Production and News India 24" jointly presented this year's prestigious honour "Vidarbha Gaurav Award 2025" for excellent Writing and social work. A special person who has made a special contribution for the upliftment of the society, his work is glorified by conferring this prestigious award. Even before this, he has been honoured with many prestigious awards at state, national and international level. At this felicitation ceremony, the Vidarbha Gaurav Awards

2025 were presented by dignitaries to artists, writers, and many veterans of the Marathi film industry working in various fields for their invaluable contribution to the upliftment of the society is honored with this prestigious award "Vidarbha Gaurav Award". This prestigious award ceremony was organized at Kavayarya Suresh Bhatt Auditorium in Nagpur city in the presence of chief guests, dignitaries, officials and audience. The prominent guests present at this felicitation ceremony were Shrimant Rajee Mudhooji Maharaj Bhosale, MLA Mohan Mate, MLA Praveen Datke, leader Kishore Kumeria, leader Girish Pandav, Deputy Superintendent of Police Ashok Baghel, Sub-Inspector of Police Ajay Shewale, film director Sanjay Bhujade, film director Vijay Gungamkar, film director Parag Bhavsar, actor Ram Chaugule, producer and writer Deepak Patil, producer and director Ranjana Shingade, dance director Sameer Kumar. On behalf of the organizers, News India 24 editor Sheetal Nandanwar, production manager S.R.N. Film Production Diksha Deshmukh, Marathi film actor and director Sagar Nikam were present. Model and actor Suraj Kadu, marathi film actress Roshni Selokar, reel star Ashish Santape, Lavni Queen Dr. Vidyaashree Yemche, marathi film actress Dr. Ishika Suryavanshi, tv singer Bhushan Jadhav, marathi film actor Yogesh Pawar, marathi film actress and choreographer Priya Mondhe were present. Famous Marathi film critics Devendra Dode, Rajesh Chitnis, Sameer Dandare, Madhurji Bhandarkar were prominently present. Along with this, artists from various fields of art and Marathi film & television industry from across the state participated in this honourable event in large numbers. Also there was a wonderful presentation of music, comedy, dance, drama, the management team played an important role in making the event a success.

# Woman strangles hubby to death

**Sindewahi 15 June:** The incident of a wife strangling her husband to death over a domestic dispute came to light on Sunday (June 15) in Jamsala village of Sindewahi taluka. The deceased has been identified as Durvas Baburao Chaudhary (35), a resident of Navin Jamsala, Sindewahi. The victim had a domestic dispute with his wife. In a fit of rage, she strangled her husband



Durvas to death as their argument turned ugly on the fateful day. Police have arrested the woman Vaishali Durvas Chaudhary (32), on charges of murder and she has been booked as per case no 210/2025, Sections 103 (1), 115 (2), 352 of BNS.

# Beneficiaries deprived of Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana, Shraavan Bal Yojana benefits from 4 months

**Katol 15 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Thousands of beneficiaries of Katol and Narkhed have been deprived of the benefits of schemes such as Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana and Shraavan Bal Yojana. For four months, these beneficiaries are tired of going from pillar to post and making rounds of the tehsil office. The deprived beneficiaries have completed their Aadhar card registration formalities in the tehsil office. BJP leader Ismailbhai Barudwale says that many beneficiaries are being deprived of benefits of



this scheme due to lack of capability of operating mobile phone as far as elderly women and men are concerned. Ismailbhai Barudwale has requested that MLA Charan Singh Thakur should take initiative and make arrangements for beneficiaries of Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana and Shraavan Bal Yojana for the last 4 months and arrangements should be made regularly every month.

# Free medical camp organised at Pipala



**Wadi 15 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Inspired by the motto 'Janhityaya Sewarth', a free medical multi ailment camp was organised at Sahyadri Convent at Pipala on Sunday, June 15 under the Arogyam Dhansampada initiative by Desh Gaurav Pratishthan and Rishabh Multi-Specialty Clinic. In this camp, free check-ups were conducted and guidance was provided in the presence of expert doctors for various diseases like heart ailments, diabetes, blood pressure, eye disease and dental disease. This initiative was led by Dr. Dharmendra Kose, Dr. Manish Ashtankar, Dr. Kaustubh Upadhyay and Dr. Priyanka Ashtankar. The camp was inaugurated by cutting the ribbon by Naresh Bhoir, President of Desh Gaurav Pratishthan and former Sarpanch of Pipala-Ghogali Gram Panchayat.

The dignitaries present were welcomed with bouquets on the occasion.

Swapnil Shelke, Sneha Mate, Bhudima Bedarkar, Ashwini Gedam, Mangala Kamble, Monika, Rahul and Akshay Boradkar played an active role in the successful organisation of the camp. Apart from this, Hari Bhakta Parayan Charudatta Modak, Amol Dhanushkar, Ankush Dhadse, Principal Ranjana Bhoir, Vitthal Nanwatkar, Nitin Nikhade, Vinod Kanolija, Mahendra Marashinge, Chakradhar Bhoir, Nilesh Chichurkar and Laxman Bhoir also contributed significantly in the coordination and management of the camp. This initiative, which was a golden opportunity for the citizens of rural areas to avail the benefits of state of the art healthcare services, evoked an enthusiastic response from them.

# SMHRC launches region's first Integrated Dementia Care Centre strengthening national commitment to elderly health and welfare

**Nagpur 15 June:** In a significant stride towards addressing the growing healthcare needs of India's aging population, Shalinitai Meghe Hospital & Research Centre (SMHRC)—the 1020-bedded flagship teaching hospital of DMIHER (Deemed to be University)—has launched a dedicated Integrated Dementia Care Centre.

This initiative comes at a time when dementia is emerging as a silent epidemic, especially in elderly populations across both urban and rural India. The launch reflects SMHRC's unwavering commitment to inclusive, ethical, and accessible healthcare and is aimed at easing the burden faced by families caring for loved ones afflicted by dementia—a condition marked by memory loss, cognitive decline, and emotional distress. At the personal initiative of Shri Sagar Meghe, Principal Advisor—DMIHER (DU), the centre has been operationalized by a team of senior experts including Dr. Pradeep Patil, Dr. Prashant Bharbat, Dr. Abhijeet Faye, Dr. Mona Rai, Dr. Apurva Joshi, Dr. Amita Kamdi, and Dr. Seeta Verma, who have created a multi-disciplinary, patient-centric model that ensures dignified and continuous care.

**Key Features of the Dementia Treatment Centre:**

- \* No bed, doctor, or nursing charges
- \* Highly subsidized medicines, diagnostics, and procedures
- \* Integrated approach with psychiatry, psychology, general medicine, homeopathy, yoga therapy, and social work
- \* Dedicated family counselling and psychosocial rehabilitation

**Reinforcing National Missions for Elderly Care**

This initiative significantly contributes to the Government of India's flagship programs:

- \* National Action Plan for Senior Citizens (NAPSrC)
- \* Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)
- \* National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE)

By providing comprehensive geriatric care at the tertiary level and supporting families through long-term care options, SMHRC is helping to strengthen these missions at the grassroots. Supporting Legal and Moral Responsibility of Families

Additionally, the initiative supports the spirit of the

Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, which mandates the financial and emotional support of elderly parents by their children and relatives. SMHRC's dementia care facility provides a dignified, reliable care solution for families, enabling them to fulfil both their legal obligations and moral responsibilities with the right infrastructure and medical support.

**A Regional Leader in Geriatric and Palliative Care**

SMHRC has already established its reputation in Geriatric and Palliative Care through its specialized long-stay wards and community outreach. The dementia centre is an extension of this legacy, offering the region's only holistic, full-time specialist-led, and subsidized indoor care facility for dementia patients. Families seeking assistance or admission may contact Dr. Shivam Gupta at 8080136101 for real-time information on bed availability.

Through this bold and inclusive initiative, SMHRC once again reaffirms its leadership in shaping a healthcare ecosystem that honours the elderly, uplifts families, and furthers India's national goals for senior citizen welfare.

# Incidents of mobile theft rise in Katol



**Katol 15 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** There has been a continuous rise in incidents of mobile theft while boarding buses at Katol bus stand. In Katol market also, mobile phone theft instances have increased in weekly markets held on Tuesday and Friday. Police posts have been arranged in Katol bus stand. But no police personnel are found on duty in the bus stand. It is a big challenge for the police personnel to catch a mobile thief while boarding the bus at the bus stand. When the mobile is suddenly stolen, one cannot guess the state of mind of the mobile holder.

Katol residents are troubled by instances of mobile theft at Katol bus stand. Every day complaints of mobile theft keep surfacing at Katol police station. Police have many methods to resolve various kinds of crimes but there is no fool proof method to catch mobile thieves it seems. These speculations have become the talk of the town in Katol.

# Gadkari, Fadnavis attend BJP-RSS coordination meet

**Nagpur 15 June:** Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis attended a coordination meeting of senior leaders of the BJP and RSS office-bearers from Vidarbha on Sunday in Nagpur. Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's Vidarbha Prant sanghchalak, Vidarbha prant Sahachalak, Nagpur Mahanagar sanghchalak, and several other office-bearers of Sangh and

affiliated organisations also attended the annual Vidarbha Prant meeting at Hedgewar Smruti Mandir premises in Reshimbagh. Sources said Maharashtra BJP president Chandrashekhar Bawankule also attended. However, what transpired in the meeting could not be known. According to sources, this is a regular annual Vidarbha prant meeting of RSS and affiliated organisations.

