

## BULLS EYE

### Trump leaves G-7

G-7, G-7 and G-7 Finally, Canada invited its Prime Minister to the G-7 summit. Today, the impulsive Trump rushed to America from this G-7 meeting. The conflict between Iran and Israel has started due to a very delicate reason. Iran is currently close to making a nuclear bomb. Either they have made it or can make it in the next four to eight days. Israel must have attacked because of this suspicion. On June 13, Israel launched a massive attack. Israel thought that they would force Iran to surrender in one fell swoop. Russia's Putin also felt the same about Ukraine. We will take over Ukraine in two to four days. But Putin is still struggling. Because it has been four years today. Russia has not been able to defeat a small country like Ukraine. In comparison, tiny Israel cannot have such a big power. Whether there is a party in power in America, either the Huzoor or the Labor party. However, America supplies Israel with weapons from its father's party, like its adopted son. The powerful Jewish businessmen in America never let Israel go. After the Israeli attack, Iran retaliated. Due to this, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu had to hide in a bunker. This is a truth known to the whole world. Perhaps that is why Trump cut short his G-7 summit visit and returned today. After that, Trump has removed his peace envoy's cover. Now, Trump intends for Iran to surrender. Before returning from the G-7 summit, a verbal attack was made on Iran from the G-7 summit itself. It was also said that Iran cannot have a nuclear bomb. It seems that the war-mongering Israel has caused great damage to Iran as usual. But at the same time, Iran has also caused no less damage to Israel. Israel's world-famous headquarters called Mossad and many of its military buildings have been heavily attacked. After the war started, both sides are saying that they have defamed each other by heavily attacking each other. Therefore, no matter what you say, it seems that both sides have suffered a lot of losses. If you look at it that way, Iran is a very old friend of India. India's trade with that country is carried out in rupees. Therefore, it is in India's interest to maintain friendship with Iran. India has also benefited from it from time to time. Now the funny thing is that six countries in the G-7 are one hundred percent in favor of Israel. Therefore, it is in order for the seventh, India, to take Israel's side. After Trump's arrival, there will be heavy attacks on Iran in the next one or two days. There is no doubt about it. Considering Iran weak will also cost Israel dearly. Israel is said to have killed many Iranian military officers. Iran also does not seem to be afraid of attacking. But now Trump, who wears the cloak of peace, has started pouring fire on Iran. Iran's nuclear facilities are deep underground. It is said that no one except America will be able to penetrate it. Now who can defeat whom in the next two days. This will be seen. But now more than ten thousand Indian citizens are trapped in Iran. Among them are fifteen hundred students. Most of them are from Jammu and Kashmir. It is not easy to get them out of Iran. Air services are closed. It is more than eleven hundred kilometers to reach Armenia from Tehran. Especially, the journey takes 13 to 14 hours. There are thousands of Indians trapped there in Israel. Therefore, it is necessary to get them out too. In the backdrop of the war, it is necessary for these innocent Indians to return to their country. This is very important for their relatives in India. How they will return is a very big question. It seems that the government itself will have to find a way out of this. The situation may worsen in the next two days. So now it is very important for us to think seriously about the impact of this war on the people of India and the public sentiment created by it and take a decision. This is a very important and important task for us.

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### India evacuates its students out of Tehran, urges other Indians to move out as well

**New Delhi, June 17 (UNI)** Amid the increased bombardment by Israel, India said today it has moved Indian students out of the Iranian capital, and advised other Indians who can move out of the city as well. In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said: "Indian students in Tehran have been moved out of the city for reasons of safety, through arrangements made by the Embassy." "Other residents who are self-sufficient in terms of transport have also been advised to move out of the city in view of the developing situation." "Separately, some Indians have been facilitated to leave Iran through the border with Armenia." "The Embassy remains continuously in touch with the community with a view to extending all feasible assistance. It added that it will continue to issue further advisories given the fluid situation. Israel and Iran have been trading airstrikes for the past few days, after Tel Aviv launched a massive attack on Tehran last week, killing its highest military officials and senior nuclear scientists. There are around 1,300 Indian students, mostly from Kashmir, in Tehran.

### Opposition blasts ruling coalition over infrastructure failures

**Mumbai, June 17 (UNI)** Shiv Sena (UBT) launched a vehement critique of Maharashtra's Mahayuti government through its editorial mouthpiece 'Saamana' on Tuesday, condemning last week's fatal bridge collapse in Pune that claimed the lives of four tourists and injured 51 others as "culpable homicide" stemming from administrative negligence. The editorial asserted that the tragedy resulted directly from authorities' failure to repair the dilapidated Indrayani River bridge despite allocated funds. "People with cruel hearts are ruling Maharashtra," stated the Thackeray faction,

dismissing Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's condolences, compensation announcements (Rs 5 lakh per deceased victim), and promised inquiry, as "a sham" and "crocodile tears". Specifically targeting Disaster Management Minister Girish Mahajan — described as the CM's "close associate" — the editorial questioned: "Why put a price of 5 lakh on lives lost to government negligence? Why did these people die? Who will answer?" It revealed that while Rs 8 crore was approved for bridge reconstruction, the funds allocated "remained on paper" as state coffers were allegedly drained by "politically beneficial schemes."

## G7 Summit: Improved ties, energy & tech among PM's top priorities

### PM receives warm welcome from Indian diaspora

**Brampton 17 June:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi's arrival in Canada for the G7 Summit has been warmly welcomed by members of the Indo-Canadian community, who hope the visit will mark a turning point in strained India-Canada relations. Sumit Singh, a Brampton-based Indo-Canadian business tycoon, expressed optimism about the visit. "I wholeheartedly welcome Prime Minister Modi to Canada," he said. "I appreciate Prime Minister Mark Carney's invitation to Mr. Modi. This is a positive step and I hope it leads to the restoration of normalcy in India-Canada relations." Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived here to attend the G7 Summit at Kananaskis, his first visit to Canada in a decade, with discussions with world leaders to be focussed on crucial global issues, including energy security,



technology and innovation. "At the Summit, the Prime Minister will exchange views with leaders of G-7 countries, other invited outreach countries and Heads of International Organisations on crucial global issues, including energy security, technology and innovation, particularly the AI-energy nexus and Quantum-related issues," the Ministry of External Affairs earlier said. Prime Minister Modi will also hold several bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the Summit, coming over a month after India's Operation Sindoor that had targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in retaliation for the April 22 Pahalgaon attacks.

### Sambhaji Brigade demands high-level probe in Kundmala bridge collapse

**Pune, June 17 (UNI)** The Sambhaji Brigade demanded that the Maharashtra government should hold a high-level inquiry into the Kundmala bridge accident and suspend inactive officers immediately. Brigade state spokesperson Santosh Shinde said that innocent people are losing their lives due to the government's mismanagement. "No matter how many years or days you complain, the government will not come to its senses until people die," he said and sought an explanation as to why a new bridge on the Indrayani river was not built despite approval of Rs five crore for the same.

## Service chiefs' Chintan conclave begins, focus on Op Sindoor & Army

**New Delhi, June 17 (UNI)** The two-day Chiefs' Chintan, a structured interaction, between the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), General Upendra Dwivedi, and former Chiefs of the Army Staff (CsOAS) commenced here on Tuesday. Held in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor, the conclave is aimed to provide a platform to leverage the institutional knowledge and experience of the former Army chiefs, a Defence Ministry statement said. General Dwivedi welcomed the former chiefs and stressed the importance of their continued engagement in shaping the ongoing transformation and future direction of the Indian Army. A key highlight of the event was a comprehensive operational briefing on



Operation Sindoor, including the synergised conduct of operations with the Indian Air Force and Navy. The operation's execution, strategic impact and jointmanship model were presented in detail to provide contextual understanding and invite insights from the former chiefs. The former chiefs were also briefed on the induction of niche technologies and modernisation initiatives aimed at enhancing operational capabilities.

### Pune collector directs all agencies to work together to prevent accidents in future

**Pune, June 17 (UNI)** Following tragic collapse of the Kanthmala bridge over the Indrayani River in the district, which resulted in four deaths and 51 injuries, district collector and chairman of the District Disaster Management Authority, Jitendra Dudi, on Tuesday directed officials to follow set guidelines issued by the district administration during the disaster. Speaking at a meeting held to review the works of the District Disaster Management Authority at the collector's office here, he lamented about the loss of four lives in Kundamala tragedy.

### Maritime security tops Maha govt priorities: Minister Nitesh Rane

**Mumbai, June 17 (UNI)** Maharashtra Minister for Fisheries and Ports Nitesh Rane on Tuesday said that maritime security is a top priority for the state government. He said that to further strengthen maritime security, the government has deployed new high-speed patrol boats. During the inspection of one such patrol boat at Bhaucha Dhakka (also called as Ferry Wharf), he further said that these boats will not only enhance coastal security but also help prevent illegal fishing and protect fishermen. The new patrol boats are equipped with advanced technology, including radar, transponder, and rapid



response systems. Each boat has a capacity of 15 people, including marine police, and is powered by two 250 HP Suzuki engines, enabling a speed of 30 nautical miles. A total of 15 such boats will be deployed, with five already

operational. The minister also mentioned the government's plan to launch the Water Metro project in Mumbai by December 2026, which will provide a convenient and time-saving transportation option for citizens.

## Will BJP now give mafia don Dawood Ibrahim also a chance to join? asks Maha Congress chief

**Mumbai, June 17 (UNI)** Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee president Harshvardhan Sapkal today lashed out at the Bharatiya Janata Party, asking whether it was now going to give notorious don Dawood Ibrahim a chance to join the party, with Sudhakar Badgujar, who is allegedly linked to Dawood, having joined the BJP. "The Bharatiya Janata Party considers itself the biggest party in the world, but the party that pretends to be powerful is giving admission to anyone. Till now, the BJP has given admission to only those whom it accused of corruption and also gave them ministerial posts. Now the BJP has given admission to that person who was linked to the mafia Dawood Ibrahim. Will the BJP now give entry to Dawood?" Sapkal said here



today. The Congress state president said that it is the BJP's prerogative to give entry to whomsoever it wants, but the BJP has no idea what it is doing while talking about Hindutva. BJP MLA Nitesh Rane had levelled a serious allegation in the legislature that Sudhakar Badgujar of Nashik had thrown a party for Dawood's goon Salim Kutta. He had also shown photos of Badgujar dancing at the party in the assembly and demanded action. But now Badgujar has accepted Hindutva and the BJP has said that he is welcome (into the party fold). Does this mean that if Dawood will accept Hindutva then he will get entry tomorrow? BJP calls itself a 'party with difference' but today this party is full of goons, crooks and corrupt people, he alleged.

## State cabinet takes 10 major decisions



**Mumbai, June 17 (UNI)** The Mahayuti (BJP alliance) government, headed by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, on Tuesday took 10 major decisions in the Cabinet meeting held here, including approval of the Maharashtra Agriculture-Artificial Intelligence (MahaAgri-AI) Policy and waiver in stamp duty on lease agreement between the Special Purpose

Vehicle (SPV) and other agencies in Dharavi Redevelopment Project. The government gave its nod for transfer of 52 hectares land at Jambutke village in Nashik district to Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation for Tribal Industrial Cluster. With setting up of this cluster, budding entrepreneurs from the tribal community will get encouragement, besides generating employment and boosting economic development. The government gave relief in stamp duty on land required for the joint project of MMRDA and M/s Raigad Pen Growth Centre Ltd. This is the first major project in the state through public-private partnership and the growth centre will attract foreign investment. The government also decided to waive off stamp duty on transfer of land required for Maharashtra National Law University in Mumbai at Mauje Pahadi Goregaon. The university will get a self-owned building. Educational facilities will be available for thousands of students. The Cabinet also gave its sanction for waiver in stamp duty on lease agreement between the special purpose vehicle (SPV) and other agencies in Dharavi Redevelopment Project. Since it is a big project for the public interest, the rehabilitation and redevelopment plan will gain momentum. The implementation of the plan will be done in a smooth manner. The Cabinet also took a decision to set up Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) at the Gram Panchayat level under the WINDS (Weather Information Network Data System) project of the central government. For this, it has been decided to extend the deadline of the Mahavath project. The AWS is expected to provide accurate weather information to all the villages in the state. It is an important project for farmers to get weather-based agricultural advice and guidance.

### Congress accuses Govt of delaying caste census, calls it political diversion

**New Delhi, June 17 (UNI)** The Congress on Tuesday slammed the Modi government for what it called a deliberate "delay in conducting a caste census", accusing it of politicising the issue to divert public attention — much like the women's reservation bill. Congress general secretary Sachin Pilot, while addressing a press conference here, said that the demand for a caste census, led prominently by Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, has long been a priority for the Congress, and the government has only "yielded to this pressure in principle, not in action". "The Modi government is simply managing headlines, not genuinely addressing the issue," Pilot said, adding that the formal notification lacks any mention of a "caste-based enumeration". "The government has claimed that the caste census will begin in 2027, but concerns are growing due to the glaring budgetary shortfall. Only Rs 574 crore has been allocated, whereas such a massive exercise requires at least Rs 8,000 to 10,000 crore," Pilot alleged.



### SC stays demolition of Thane dargah for 7 days

**New Delhi, June 17 (UNI)** The Supreme Court intervened in an ongoing legal tussle over the demolition of a religious structure in Thane, Maharashtra, by ordering a temporary halt to any further action for seven days. The order provides the Pardeshi Baba Trust, which manages the structure, time to move the Bombay High Court with a recall plea against its earlier demolition directive. A bench of justices Sandeep Mehta and Prasanna B. Varale passed the order while hearing a petition challenging the decision to demolish portions of a dargah that had expanded from an initial 160 sq. ft. to over 17,600 sq. ft.

### Indian Army contingent departs for France to participate in exercise Shakti

**New Delhi, June 17 (UNI)** An Indian Army contingent departed on Tuesday to participate in the 8th edition of the biennial India-France joint military exercise, Shakti scheduled to be held from June 18 to July 1, at Camp Larzac, La Cavalerie, in France. The Indian contingent comprising of 90 personnel is being represented primarily by a Battalion of the Jammu and Kashmir Rifles besides personnel from other arms and services. The French contingent comprising of 90 personnel will be represented by the 13th Foreign Legion Half-Brigade (13th DBLE), a Defence Ministry statement said. Exercise Shakti is a biennial training engagement between the Indian and French Armies, aimed at enhancing interoperability, operational coordination, and military to military connect. This edition will focus on joint operations in a sub-conventional environment under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter, with training being conducted in semi-urban terrain. The exercise will provide a platform for both contingents to rehearse and refine tactical drills, share best practices in Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs), train on new generation equipment (contemporary military technologies) and strengthen physical endurance. It will also foster esprit-de-corps, mutual respect and professional camaraderie between the two armies.

### Ahmedabad crash: Tearful farewell to Capt Sabharwal in Mumbai

**Mumbai, June 17 (UNI)** The last rites of Sumeet Sabharwal, Captain of Air India flight 171 en route to London's Gatwick airport which crashed in Ahmedabad shortly after takeoff on June 12 killing 241 on board were performed in Mumbai on Tuesday with his grief-stricken father bidding a tearful farewell to his son before the cremation. The last rites were performed at an electric crematorium in suburban Chakala, Andheri East, in the presence of family members. A large number of people gathered near Sabharwal's residence to pay their final respects and condolences to the grieving family. Local MLAs Dilip Mama Lande, businessman Niranjan Hiranandani were



among those who attended the last rites. A pall of grief descended over Jal Vayu Vihar in Powai, a residential complex primarily inhabited by retired Air Force officers and aviation personnel. Captain Sabharwal, remembered as

a committed and skilled pilot, lost his life in the tragic incident that has shaken the aviation community. Emotional scenes unfolded as his body arrived, wrapped in the national flag — a poignant reminder of duty and sacrifice.



## Bombay HC reserves verdict on plea challenging Devendra Fadnavis' assembly poll win

**Nagpur 17 June:** In a development that could carry significant political implications, the Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court has reserved its judgment on an election petition filed by Congress leader Prafulla Gudadhe Patil challenging the election of Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis from the South-West Nagpur constituency. Gudadhe Patil, who was defeated by Fadnavis in the last Assembly elections, has accused the CM of violating provisions of the Representation of the People Act. Along with Gudadhe's petition, the High Court also heard similar petitions filed by Congress candidates Girish Pandav, Satish Warjurkar, Santosh Rawat, and Subhash Dhote,

all of which were taken up together by Justice Praveen Patil. However, the proceedings took a procedural turn early on, as the High Court had to issue notices due to the non-appearance of the petitioners in person — a requirement under election laws. This lapse raised questions over the maintainability of the petitions, with the respondents seeking outright dismissal on technical grounds, particularly citing Section 81(1) of the Representation of the People Act, which governs the format and filing of election petitions. During an intense two-hour-long hearing, the counsels for the respondents, including senior advocate Sunil Manohar and Adv Uday Dable, argued that the

petitions were procedurally defective and did not merit judicial consideration. They pressed for dismissal at the threshold. Countering this, petitioners' lawyers Adv Mahmood Pracha and Adv Pavan Dahat strongly defended the validity of the petitions and accused the respondents of attempting to derail the legal process through technical objections. They submitted detailed written arguments to bolster their case.

With both sides having placed their arguments on record, Justice Praveen Patil has reserved the verdict, leaving the political circles of Nagpur and beyond on edge as they await the High Court's decision on a matter that could ripple far beyond the courtroom.

## Lower procurement halted in Achalpur as NAFED portal closes early, farmers distressed

**Pathrot 17 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Hundreds of jowar farmers in Achalpur taluka were left stranded after the NAFED procurement portal closed prematurely.

Out of 1,300 applicants, only 339 farmers could register at the Achalpur Buy-Sell Union before the June 15 deadline.

Farmers, already reeling from unseasonal rains, are now forced to sell crops to private traders at low rates. Local officials cited technical issues and lack of storage space as reasons for the delay.

Farmer organizations are now demanding an extension of the registration window.

## DEVOTEES CONVERGE AT THE LORD'S ABODE....



Devotees thronged Tekdi Ganesh Temple on the occasion of Sankashti Chaturthi in the second capital recently.

## Rameshwar Savale honoured in Delhi



**PUSAD / NAGPUR POST:** Rameshwar Savale, a teacher at Zilla Parishad School Kalulalnagar Bori Ijara under Mahagaon Panchayat Samiti in Yavatmal district and a resident of Pusad, was honored at the India International Institute for Democracy and Election Management in New Delhi for completing national level training. On June 12 and 13, the Election Commission of India organized a training for election officers from Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Odisha in Delhi. District Collectors, Deputy District Collectors, Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars, Supervisors and BLOs participated in this. A total of 132 officers from Maharashtra participated in this training. 7 officers, 4 BLOs and 3 Supervisors, were sent to the training from the district. Representing Yavatmal district, Rameshwar Savale gave an effective opinion on making the BLO app more accessible and effective. He expressed his opinion on what improvements can be made to the BLO app of their centers to ensure coordination between the central level polling officers and supervisors and what improvements can be made by the Commission to make the BLO app more efficient. IT officials took note of Savale's suggestions. Dr. Vivek Joshi, Election Commissioner, Government of India, presided over the function. He highlighted the importance of the role of BLOs. He also said that the Commission is trying to make connectivity between voters and the Election Commission easier. At the national level, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer of Maharashtra Kiran Sharda felicitated Rameshwar Savale with a special certificate. He said that the suggestions he gave were very important and that such changes would be made in the app.

## India Peace Centre organises blood donation camp on World Blood Donor Day



**Nagpur 17 June:** India Peace Centre organised a full day Blood Donation Camp on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day on Saturday 14th June at its premises in Civil Lines, Nagpur.

The camp was supported by Nagpur Book Club, Saving Dreamz Foundation and Lifeline Blood Bank. The camp was a huge success, and over 52 people, young and old, and from all walks of life donated blood at the camp. It was inspiring to see

more than one, fit and healthy donors above the age of 60 donating blood. Many young cyclists from Nagpur came in groups to donate blood. Men and women equally came forward to donate blood and celebrate World Blood Donor Day.

Many donors present had donated blood over 50 times in the past, and were an inspiration to first time donors at the camp. All donors were given a Certificate of Appreciation, a token gift and

sumptuous refreshments. The donors praised the arrangements, the air-conditioned and comfortable donation hall, and the caring and reassuring attitude of all the volunteers of Nagpur Book Club. Rohit Tokhi was the Program Director of the event. Under the guidance of Dr Tejinder Singh Rawal, Rohit has been leading this noble initiative for the past 5 years. Chairman of IPC, Dr. Asir Ebenezer also donated blood at the camp, inspiring others to follow his lead. Mr. Angelious Michael (Director), Amarjit Singh, Dinesh Dhawane, Kapil Sawalkar (81 times blood donor), Ashish Deshpande of Saving Dreamz Foundation, Ashok Rathi, Pushpa Rathi, Brahmanand Petkar, Kavita Jogi, Ankita Rathor, Sanika Tokhi, Samyukta Sunil Kumar, Shalvi Meshram, and other members of Nagpur Book Club worked hard for the success of the program. The camp was efficiently conducted by Dr. Harish Warbhe, Director of Lifeline Blood Bank, along with Ravi Gajbhiye and his team.

## Gadchiroli's tribal students fly to ISRO on first ever flight from Naxal red zone



**Gadchiroli 17 June:** In a moment of pride and progress, 120 tribal students from the Naxal-affected region of Gadchiroli boarded an airplane for the first time en route to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in Bengaluru. The students, hailing from residential schools in Sironcha, Wangapalli (Aheri), and Navegaon, come from underprivileged tribal communities. Their educational institutions are operated by the Social Welfare Department. Until now, many of these children had never even traveled to their district headquarters. A farewell event at Nagpur's Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport was attended by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, who encouraged

the children to "soar high and never stop dreaming." The educational tour was initiated by Dr Sachin Madavi, Assistant Commissioner of Social Welfare, and supported by Collector Avishyant Panda. The visit was funded with the backing of CM Fadnavis and Co-Guardian Minister Adv. Ashish Jaiswal. Joining the send-off were Tribal Development Minister Dr. Ashok Uike, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Siddharth Gaikwad, ZP CEO Suhas Gade, and others who commended the students for their courage and ambition. This inspiring journey from insurgency-hit villages to India's premier space center marks a transformative leap — one of empowerment, dreams, and a future fueled by education.

## NMC imposes Rs 1 crore fine on three contractors for poor road restoration under AMRUT 2.0

**Nagpur 17 June:** In a no-nonsense move, Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has come down heavily on three negligent contractors by imposing a hefty penalty of Rs 1 crore for delivering shoddy road restoration work under the Central Government-funded AMRUT 2.0 scheme. The penalised firms — M/s Laxmi Civil Engineering Services Limited, M/s Kalthia Engineering and Construction Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., and M/s P Das Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. — were found blatantly violating tender conditions by failing to restore roads to their original condition after laying trunk sewage pipelines. Municipal Commissioner and Administrator Dr. Abhijeet Chaudhari, taking strong exception to the habitual corner-cutting by contractors, initiated the penalty after repeated warnings and on-ground evidence of gross non-compliance. Officials from the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) had earlier issued multiple reminders to these contractors, urging them to follow norms and ensure proper levelling and tarring of roads post excavation.

## Shalarth ID scam: Nagpur police zero in on 30 school owners as SIT expands probe

**Nagpur 17 June:** The arrest of Dilip Dhote, Chairman and Director of Vitthal-Rukhmini Primary Multipurpose Educational Institute, has intensified the crackdown in the multi-crore Shalarth ID scam. As the investigation deepens, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) led by Assistant Commissioner of Police Sunita Meshram has identified at least 30 school owners allegedly involved in illegally appointing teachers through forged documentation. Dhote is the first school owner to be arrested in the case, marking a turning point in the probe that is now expected to tighten the noose around other educational institutions suspected of similar fraud. The SIT alleges that these schools submitted fake teacher approval proposals to obtain Shalarth IDs, enabling them to siphon off government funds by drawing salaries and arrears for non-existent or unqualified teachers. The scam, believed to have been running since 2012, has already seen the arrest of 16 individuals, including education officials. Investigators claim that over 1,000 bogus appointments were made across Nagpur district, with only 350 verified

as legitimate. The rest remain under scrutiny. Meanwhile, the alleged mastermind of the racket, Nilesh Waghmare, a Pay Unit Superintendent, continues to evade arrest. Waghmare was suspended following the exposure of the scam and has since gone underground. His anticipatory bail plea was rejected by both the district sessions court and the High Court.

Despite switching SIM cards frequently and communicating via WhatsApp with family members, police sources say they are closing in on him. According to SIT sources, Waghmare and complicit school owners allegedly received substantial kickbacks in lump sums. These bribes were linked to the illegal processing of teacher appointments and salary disbursements, some of which were backdated to inflate the payout amounts. The financial loss is estimated to be in crores. The fallout is already being felt across the education sector. Teachers appointed using forged credentials now face imminent dismissal, while several school principals and administrators are reportedly under the police scanner. Further



complications arise from the incomplete records. A probe led by School Education Director Mahesh Palkar has found inconsistencies in the appointment of at least 1,056 teachers. Alarming records for over 640 of them are missing or unverifiable. Investigators suspect these appointments were strategically made by school owners who showed inflated staff numbers on paper while redirecting the so-called teachers to other schools. The education department is under pressure to submit a foolproof report within the next two days, with officials planning to coordinate their findings with Nagpur police. The case has sent shockwaves through the education sector, raising concerns over systemic lapses and long-running collusion between institutions and officials.

## Bharat Tara Kailas Rai crowned 'Orator of the Year 2024' by Oxford Speakers' Academy



**Nagpur 17 June:** Bharat Tara Kailas Rai won the title of 'Orator of the Year-2024' in a contest organized by Dr. Sanjay C. Raghatate's Oxford Speakers' Academy, a renowned name in English Speaking & Personality Development on June 15, 2025 at Amrut Bhawan, Andhra Association Hall, Nagpur. The winner was presented a Badge, Sash, Trophy and a Certificate and apart from this award the other winners also received Best Content-Achal Gaikar, Best Appearance - Shanan Rai and socially responsible - Vaibhav Naik. The topic of the elocution was 'The Art of Leaving' and the contest was keenly fought amongst 15 contestants who proved their skills of oration for 5 minutes

before a huge audience. Keeping in mind the growing need of a groomed dynamic personality and polished style of presentation the academy organizes various contests and provides ample opportunity for the budding talents to blossom into a colourful personality.

The 15 contestants were the Orators of the Month from January 2024 to December 2024 selected earlier through the elocution contest organized every month of approximately 200 speakers every month. The Chief Guest of the function was Shyam Ladha. Milind Deshkar graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Prominently present on the stage was Neha Raghatate and

Shailesh Deshpande. Dr. Sameer Raghatate, Archana Patel, Mohd. Israil, Vijay Rajput & Vivek Murarka were the judges of the contest. The contestants were adjudged on the basis of subject matter, Body Language, Variety of Examples and Presentation etc. Founder & President of the Academy Dr. Vijaya Chandrakant Raghatate welcomed the guests, Executive Director Dr. Sanjay C. Raghatate proposed a vote of thanks, Shriya Raghatate, Aditya Raghatate, Shivam Sharma, Vaibhav Makde and Owais Anjum conducted the proceeding of the contest. Pawan Kumbhare, Priyanka Jaiswal & Ganesh Raghatate co-ordinated the whole contest.

The Orators of the Month who participated in the contest were: Sahil Kalbele (Jan-24), Achal Gaikar (Mar-24), Monica Sharma (May-24), Shantanu Hattimare (May-24), Kaustubh Yelne (Jun-24), Mayuri Chandankhede (Jul-24), Shanan Rai (Jul-24), Soham Kanhav (Jul-24), Raksha Agarwal (Aug-24), Bharat Rai (Sep-24), Meenakshi Motwani (Sep-24), Kanak Agrawal (Oct-24), Manyaa Patel (Oct-24), Vaibhav Naik (Oct-24) & Priya Bajaj (Dec-24).

## There would have been no water problem in Pusad

**PUSAD / NAGPUR POST:** The water supply to Pusad city was cut off for 5 days due to the storm that hit last week. Since repairs could not be done for another two-three days, former Water Supply Chairman Raju Dudhe had told the chief officer to start the old pump house scheme at the water purification center. At that time, the scheme was started in just 15 minutes, and the people of Pusad got water.

Pusad citizens had been suffering without water for 5 days. There was an unprecedented water shortage in the city and women were roaming the streets with pots to fetch water. Citizens could not experience this situation even during the drought. If the administration had listened to me on time, they would not have had to face a serious problem. This water supply would have started four days earlier. The river Poos is low and there is no storage capacity in the dam. Therefore, to prevent the raw water pump from running out of water and the tank from filling up on time and the tap from being delayed, it is necessary to block the dam half at least until the power supply at the Poos Dam is restored. In order to prevent



this situation from arising even when there is water and electricity, an additional DP (transformer) is required at the water purification center and the Poos Dam. Otherwise, a serious situation can arise even when there is water and electricity. The administration needs to pay attention to this serious matter. It is necessary to keep the old pump house scheme operational for emergencies. Since the direct pipeline scheme from Poos Dam to the water purification is 15 km away, problems can arise at any time due to air, water and natural disasters. The administration needs to take measures keeping these serious matters in mind. Otherwise, the same thing will happen again, said former Water Supply Chairman Raju Dudhe.

## Organisational meeting regarding general elections

**PUSAD / NAGPUR POST:** An organisational meeting was called at the Bharatiya Janata Party Pusad office regarding the upcoming Nagpur Parishad election. On this occasion, Inspector Former MLA Namdevrao Sasane, Former MLC Adv. Nilay Naik, BJP District President Dr. Aarti Fupate, BJP City President Nilesh Pensionwar, BJP leaders Vinod Jilhewar, Nikhil Chiddarwar, Vishwas Bhaware were present. On this occasion, BJP Party Inspector Namdevrao Sasane gave detailed guidance and created excitement among the former councilors, booth chiefs and attendees. Adv. Nilay Naik assured that he would personally go to all the wards and find out the problems of the citizens. District President Dr. Aarti Fupate expressed her opinion on appointing and communicating with the voters' list ward chief, Booth Pramukh. At the beginning of the meeting,

tributes were paid to the deceased in the plane crash in Ahmedabad and the Kedarnath helicopter crash. NP Former group leader Nikhil Chiddarwar conducted the meeting and former city president Deepak Parihar proposed vote of thanks. In this election, the determination was expressed that BJP will form the power in the Nagpur Parishad and become the Civic chief.

On this occasion, Mrs. Rupali Jaiswal, Aniruddha Patil, Ajay Purohit, Nikanth Patil, Devidas Dolas, Vishwajit Sarnaik, Rajendra Jagtap, Sanjay Bajaj, Mahesh Naik, Vikrant Jilhewar, Natwar Untwal, Bala Ukhalkar, Mrs. Aparna Nirmal, Sudhakar Thajare, Bharat Patil were present.



## Rs 5.60 lakh products stolen from Reliance Smart Bazaar, Nagpur

**Nagpur 17 June:** A major theft has been reported at the Reliance Smart Bazaar in Landmark Building, Ramdaspath. Manager Mangesh Vinayak Telkunte (44), a resident of Navin Subhedar Layout, Nagpur, lodged a complaint at Sitabuldi Police Station. According to the complaint, between February 15 and April 30, 2025, a total of 6,431 products worth Rs 5,68,410 were stolen. The accused, Pundalik Thakre, an associate of SAS Developers and a resident of Yogeshwar Nagar, Dighori, was seen in CCTV footage leaving with the stolen goods hidden in his clothes. The internal audit of a grocery store revealed the shocking case of systematic shoplifting.

The store's internal stock audit flagged

significant inventory discrepancies, prompting a detailed review of CCTV footage. The footage reportedly captured Thakre, who works with a firm operating from the same building, entering the store on multiple occasions and concealing products inside his clothing. The thefts were carried out in small quantities across several visits, making the losses difficult to detect daily. The stolen goods were primarily fast-moving consumer items such as spices, sauces, and packaged condiments, likely chosen for their compact size and ease of concealment. Based on the evidence submitted by the store's management, Sitabuldi police registered a case under relevant sections and have launched a search to trace the accused.

## Traffic cops take action on 4215 riders flouting norms



**Nagpur 17 June:** Traffic cops took action against a total of 4215 riders under various sections of the Motor Vehicles Act and collected a total fine of Rs 2.26 lakh from the erring riders. Under the Bombay Liquor Prohibition Act, 7 suspects have been arrested in 7 cases and material worth Rs 9.5 thousand was seized from their possession. The Traffic Department has called upon the citizens to keep all the documents related to the vehicle with them while driving. Citizens and commuters have also been advised to abide by traffic rules, failing which fines and other penal action can be imposed upon them.







BUSINESS

KBC Global Ltd to establish wholly owned subsidiary – Dharan Infra Solar Private Limited

Nashik 17 June: Nashik based KBC Global Ltd (BSE: 541161, NSE: KBCGLOBAL), a leading name in infrastructure and EPC services, has announced the incorporation of a new wholly owned subsidiary, Dharan Infra Solar Private Limited, as part of its expansion into the renewable energy sector. The Board of Directors approved the move at its meeting held on June 13, 2025. The new company will focus on solar and hybrid energy solutions, aligning with the company's commitment to sustainability and green technology, with 100% ownership to remain with Dharan Infra-EPC Limited.

Dharan Infra Solar Private Limited will engage in a wide spectrum of activities including the manufacturing, design, development, improvement of renewable energy modules, cells, and accessories. This includes conducting research, trading, buying, selling, wholesaling, retailing, distributing, importing, exporting, assembling, fabricating, repairing, maintaining, altering, and operating solar power projects and hybrid systems that combine solar photovoltaic technology with other forms of renewable energy —aiming to provide end-to-end solutions for solar power projects.

Management of the company said, "The formation of Dharan Infra Solar is a natural progression in our diversification journey. Renewable energy is no longer an option but a necessity. This initiative reinforces our long-term vision to contribute to a cleaner, greener future while opening new avenues for sustainable business growth."

The incorporation of this new subsidiary marks a significant milestone in Dharan Infra-EPC's strategy to become a comprehensive player in the infrastructure and clean energy domain. It also comes at a time when India is accelerating its transition toward renewable energy, creating significant market opportunities.

The company is rebranding from KBC Global Ltd to Dharan Infra-EPC Limited as part of a strategic shift to focus on infrastructure and EPC (Engineering, Procurement & Construction) projects and reposition its brand in the market. In February 2024, the board of directors approved to issue 1:1 bonus shares to shareholders with order book size of Rs 260 crores.

KBC Global Ltd is a prominent player in India's infrastructure and construction sector with a growing portfolio in engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) services. With a history of delivering high-quality infrastructure projects, the company is now strengthening its presence in the renewable energy segment.

Sony India unveils the all-new BRAVIA 8 II QD-OLED series redefining cinematic excellence at home

New Delhi 17 June: Sony India today announced the BRAVIA 8 II series, a revolutionary addition to its acclaimed line of televisions. This new series combines state-of-the-art QD-OLED technology with the advanced AI Processor XR to deliver unmatched picture quality and lifelike audio experiences. Designed to cater to the modern viewer, the BRAVIA 8 II series offers perfect blacks, precise shadow details and dynamic contrast, all while enhancing sound with Acoustic Surface Audio+ and Dolby Vision Atmos and various Studio Calibrated modes developed in collaboration with the leading streaming services. Powered by an XR Processor™ with AI technology, BRAVIA 8 II delivers lifelike visuals and immersive sound for a cinematic experience. The new BRAVIA 8 II series will be available in 164 cm (65") and 139 cm (55") screen size. Powered for precision, XR Processor in BRAVIA 8 II series features an AI scene recognition system that detects and analyses data with flawless accuracy, then optimises the picture for ultimate realism.

About 47% of Indian firms say cost of doing business has gone up amid global uncertainty: Assocham survey

New Delhi 17 June: Amid global uncertainties, about half of the Indian firms surveyed by Industry Body Assocham said that the overall Cost of Doing Business (CoDB) has risen moderately. "With global uncertainties, respondents reported that the overall Cost of Doing Business (CoDB) has risen moderately (with roughly 47 per cent indicating a moderate increase and about 37 per cent noting a significant uptick)," the industry body said. The firms say that key cost drivers such as infrastructure spending, high financing costs, and skilled labour expenses have emerged as recurring challenges, impacting their business operations. Among the other reforms suggested are ESG requirements, strict control on Chinese electronic imports, and government support in technological lag.

The industry body added that research & development, reducing export finance costs, improving Rupee trade competitiveness, enhancing logistics efficiency, and ESG related requirements are some of the factors that will help India to attain the goal of becoming a USD 5 trillion economy by 2030. On highlighting the difficulties faced by the Indian firms, the industry body added that large firms with an annual turnover more than Rs 250 crore reported logistics and transportation, infrastructure cost, skilled labour, and cost of finance as major challenges. Other firms with annual turnover equal to or less than Rs 250 crore reported that skilled labour, infrastructure cost of finance, compliance and cascading effect of taxes and duties are major challenges. "Indian industry shows potential to contribute to India's economic growth. However, tapping into this potential will require targeted policy efforts, infrastructure development, and other related initiatives."

EDITORIAL

Rani of Jhansi

The Rani of Jhansi[a] (born Manikarnika Tambe; 1828 or 1835 – 18 June 1858), also known as Rani Lakshmi Bai, was one of the leading figures of the Indian Rebellion of 1857. The queen consort of the princely state of Jhansi from 1843 to 1853, she assumed its leadership after the outbreak of conflict and fought several battles against the British. Her life and deeds are celebrated in modern India and she remains a potent symbol of Indian nationalism.

Born into a Marathi family in Varanasi, Manikarnika Tambe was married to the raja of Jhansi, Gangadhar Rao, at a young age, taking the name Rani Lakshmi Bai. The couple had one son but he died young, and so when Gangadhar Rao was on his deathbed in 1853, he adopted a young relative to be his successor. The British East India Company, the overlord of Jhansi, refused to recognise this succession and annexed Jhansi under the Doctrine of Lapse, ignoring the Rani's vigorous protests to the Governor-General Lord Dalhousie. In May 1857, the Indian troops stationed at Jhansi mutinied and massacred most of the British in the town; the Rani's complicity and participation in these events was and remains contested. She took over rulership of Jhansi and recruited an army to see off incursions from neighbouring states. Although her relations with the British were initially neutral, they decided to treat her as an enemy: Major General Hugh Rose attacked and captured Jhansi in March and April 1858. The Rani escaped the siege on horseback and joined other rebel leaders at Kalpi, where Rose defeated them on 22 May. The rebels fled to Gwalior Fort, where they made their last stand; the Rani died there in battle. After the rebellion, the Rani's name and actions became closely associated with nationalist movements in India. Her legend, influenced by Hindu mythology, became hugely influential because of its universal applicability. She was regarded as a great heroine by the Indian independence movement and remains revered in modern India, although Dalit communities tend to view her negatively. Rani Lakshmi Bai has been extensively depicted in artwork, cinema, and literature, most notably in the 1930 poem "Jhansi Ki Rani" and Vrindavan Lal Verma's 1946 novel Jhansi Ki Rani Lakshmi Bai. Little is known for certain about the Rani's life before 1857, because there was then no need to record details about an as-yet ordinary young girl.



Hope floats for a thaw in India-Canada relations

Prime Minister Narendra Modi set foot on Canadian soil on Monday to attend the G7 Summit in Alberta, just over a decade since his last visit to Canada in April 2015, then at the invitation of PM Stephen Harper. Much has changed in the intervening years — beginning with Harper's electoral defeat in October 2015 and the ascent of Justin Trudeau, the rising political traction of Khalistani narratives in Canada, Trudeau's disastrous visit to India in 2018 and the subsequent attempts to portray India as a public actor, culminating with the malicious accusation that "agents of the Indian government" were behind the June 2023 murder of Khalistani activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. The allegation led to the expulsion of High Commissioners, the suspension of visa services and a deep freeze in diplomatic engagement between the two countries. The G7 invite is thus an attempt to mend fences, and set in motion a quiet reset of relations at the highest level, without the optics or political risks of a standalone bilateral visit. This effort is being driven by what may be called the three Ts — Trudeau, Trump and Trade. The first T — Trudeau — represents the source of much of the animus. Rarely, if ever, has India's Ministry of External Affairs publicly rebuked the sitting leader of a Western democracy as harshly as it did Trudeau, not only for his allegations over Nijjar but also for his repeated forays into Indian domestic politics — such as his support for the farmers' protests. Trudeau's decision to step down from politics has effectively removed a persistent irritant and the symbolic face of the pro-Khalistani tilt in Canadian governance. The second T — Trump — refers to the geopolitical earthquake caused by Donald Trump's dramatic return to the US presidency and his renewed pressure on America's closest neighbours. Trump's threats of tariffs, renegotiation of trade deals and open musings about absorbing Canada as America's "51st state" upended the Canadian political landscape. The result: a decisive victory for former Bank of Canada and Bank of England governor Mark Carney, who became Prime Minister with a near-majority in Parliament. His main challenger, Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre, was seen as too ideologically close to Trump. Meanwhile, Jagmeet Singh — leader of the third-largest party, the NDP, and a vocal supporter of Khalistani causes — suffered a major setback, diminishing yet another source of friction in India-Canada relations. The third T — Trade — represents the compelling strategic rationale for Canada to rebuild bridges with India. Trump's economic nationalism has made it imperative for Canada to diversify its trade relationships, particularly given that 97 per cent of Canadian oil and 75.9 per cent of Canada's domestic exports are effectively hostage to the US market. India, with its massive and growing consumer base, expanding middle class and appetite for energy, technology and infrastructure investment, offers an obvious counterbalance. Canadian Pension Funds have invested more than \$75 billion in India, reflecting confidence in India's long-term economic prospects and serving as a steady ballast for the relationship during the diplomatic chill. The Khalistani issue remains the elephant in the room.

While Canada's Indian diaspora is 2.2 million strong, politically active with 28 MPs in a House of 343, and overwhelmingly law-abiding, a fringe minority of Khalistani sympathisers has managed to hijack the narrative — starting with the tragic bombing of Air India's Kanishka Flight 182 in June 1985, which claimed 329 lives and remains the deadliest terrorist attack on Canadian soil. India has long believed that Canada fails to give sufficient weight to its legitimate security concerns, particularly when Indian diplomats are targeted or intimidated under the guise of protected speech. For its part, Canada views the killing of a Canadian citizen on Canadian soil as a grave breach of sovereignty. India has strongly denied any involvement, calling the charges "absurd and motivated". With four Indian nationals now on trial for Nijjar's murder, New Delhi is prepared to let the Canadian legal process run its course. The continuation of the law enforcement and security dialogue offers an institutional forum to address such concerns through established channels. That is why Prime Minister Mark Carney does not need to hold his nose while engaging with the leader of the world's largest democracy. He has a clear template to emulate: that of the United States. Washington, confronted with allegations about a plot to assassinate Khalistani figure Gurbaj Singh Pannun, did not allow the episode to derail the broader trajectory of its relationship with India. Instead, it pursued the matter through judicial forums while continuing to deepen cooperation on trade, technology and defence. Canada would do well to take a similarly pragmatic approach — firm where needed, but forward-looking where possible. A concrete starting point for restoring economic momentum is the revival of negotiations on the stalled India-Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and the Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (BIPPA). India's growing interest in bilateral trade agreements — evident in recent deals with UAE, Australia and UK — signals a readiness to engage constructively. For Canada, re-engagement on these fronts would not only signal goodwill but also unlock tangible opportunities across key sectors such as energy, education, agriculture, critical minerals, clean technology and artificial intelligence.

Beyond economics, India and Canada share foundational values: multiculturalism, democracy and a commitment to the rules-based international order.



ENTERTAINMENT

Kirdaaron ka haal hua behaal!

Mumbai 17 June: In &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, the characters find themselves in stressful yet hilarious situations. Talking about the upcoming track in Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, Daroga Happu Singh aka Yogesh Tripathi shares, Awdheshiya (Urmila Sharma) reveals a bizarre truth that Rajesh (Geetanjali Mishra) suffers from an intense fear of rabbit-like protruding teeth. Just the sight of them triggers full-blown panic attacks, leaving her traumatised and out of control. Meanwhile, the Commissioner (Kishore Bhanushali) is fuming after a dentist mistakenly removes his wife's teeth, and poor Happu (Yogesh Tripathi) ends up being the punching bag for his boss's fury. Things only get worse when Happu gets into a scuffle with a local goon, who beats him so badly that Happu's teeth begin to jut out! When Happu arrives home, Rajesh is horrified. To her, everyone now appears to have those scary teeth, and in a frenzy, she starts attacking everyone around her, including Katori Amma (Himani Shivpuri). The family consults a dentist, who explains that Happu's dental nerves are swollen, and he will have to remain this way for at least a month. Desperate for a solution, the family also calls in a psychiatrist for Rajesh, who suggests an unconventional cure to make her confront her fear by tying her up. Happu hesitantly ties Rajesh up and flashes his teeth. She screams, breaks free, and chases him around the house. Just as Happu thinks he's safe, Katori Amma catches him from behind while Rajesh continues to scream. In a twist of fate, Happu's teeth finally return to normal. But the trouble isn't over, as Rajesh is now terrified of normal teeth! To help her cope, the entire family starts wearing fake teeth around her house. The psychiatrist returns for another round, this time with hypnosis. Rajesh is made to stare at a picture of Dracula, and surprisingly, she now becomes afraid of both normal and weird teeth but is completely fine with Dracula's teeth. What will the family do now? In Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai's upcoming track, Angoori Bhabiji Shubhangi Atre shares, "Vibhuti (Aasif Sheikh) has a strange dream where he sees Angoori (Shubhangi Atre) sentenced to death. Anita (Vidisha Srivastava) explains that dreaming of someone dying increases their lifespan, but Vibhuti remains unconvinced and grows anxious about Angoori's safety. Meanwhile, Angoori puts Tiwari (Rohitashv Gour) through a test of trust he passes. But things take a serious turn when Amma (Soma Rathod) warns that Angoori's life is in danger if not taken into protective custody. Tiwari refuses to believe her. Soon after, Angoori starts encountering a series of bizarre and life-threatening accidents, and each time, it's Vibhuti who ends up saving her. When he confronts Tiwari about these close calls, Tiwari, though visibly shaken, puts on a brave face and brushes off Vibhuti's concerns."

Lord Hanuman saves Shree Ram by wearing the sacred ittar infused with harmful substances in Sony SAB's 'Veer Hanuman'

Mumbai 17 June: Sony SAB's 'Veer Hanuman' continues to captivate audiences with the story of the journey of young Hanuman. Featuring Aan Tiwari as the young Lord Hanuman, Sayli Salunkhe as Anjani, Arav Chowdhary as Kesari, Mahir Pandhi in dual role as Bali and Sugreev and Tanmay Nani as young Lord Ram, the show now reaches a dramatic and heartfelt new chapter. In the recent episodes, viewers witnessed the emotional first meeting between Lord Hanuman and Lord Ram. Assured that his mother would return soon, Lord Hanuman leaves Ayodhya with joy—but back in Kishkinda, Anjani is still missing. Confused and heartbroken, he questions Lord Ram's words and sets out to meet him again.

In the upcoming episodes, Lord Indra (Meer Ali) and the Ashwini Kumar's believe that Lord Hanuman still has much to learn about true devotion, that real bhakti comes without expectation. To test him, they secretly add a harmful substance to a bottle of ittar being prepared for Lord Ram. Just before the offering reaches Lord Ram, Lord Hanuman, sensing something is amiss, applies the ittar on himself, shielding his Aradhya from harm. This moment becomes a turning point in Hanuman's journey. Though unaware that he is being tested, he acts out of pure love. By taking the pain upon himself, he proves that true devotion is not about seeking rewards, but about selfless surrender. Silently observing this act, Lord Shiva (Tarun Khanna) recognizes that Hanuman has moved one step closer to becoming the devotee he is destined to be. Tarun Khanna, who plays the role of Lord Shiva in Veer Hanuman, said, "Portraying Lord Shiva is both a responsibility and a blessing. This scene, where Lord Hanuman unknowingly takes the pain upon himself to protect Lord Ram, is not just powerful on screen — it moved me deeply as an actor and as a devotee. I'm a staunch follower of both Hanuman ji and Mahadev, so I can genuinely connect with the emotions and devotion behind such moments. In fact, scenes like these often feel like a catsang to me. I never use glycerin for emotional scenes — just the thought of Shiv ji and Hanuman ji brings tears to my eyes. This moment truly captures the essence of real bhakti — selfless, unconditional, and pure. Watching Hanuman take that step closer to becoming the greatest devotee is something I feel privileged to witness through my role."

Tune in to Veer Hanuman, Monday to Saturday at 7.30 PM, only on Sony SAB.

Hum Paanch fame and veteran actress Vandana Pathak return to Television after five years with Zee TV's Tumm Se Tumm Tak

Mumbai 17 June: In a society where relationships and marriage are often defined by age-old traditions, where factors like age, financial status, and social background hold great significance. But love doesn't follow rules—it charts its own course, breaking barriers along the way. For decades, Zee TV has been known for progressive and emotionally resonant stories over the years, and is all set to present a refreshing new fiction offering — Tumm Se Tumm Tak. At the heart of this unconventional love story lies a poignant connection between two very different individuals: Anu, a 19-year-old spirited young woman from a modest background, and Aryavardhan, a 46-year-old disciplined and self-made business tycoon. Their bond challenges societal expectations, raising questions about love, age, and acceptance.

While Niharika Chouksey and Sharad Kelkar have been cast in the roles of Anu and Aryavardhan, respectively, adding depth to this stirring narrative is the much-anticipated return of popular television actor Vandana Pathak, who is making her comeback after a five-year hiatus. She steps into the role of Gayatri Devi. A matriarch who balances grace with strength, Gayatri Devi is rooted in her values despite the luxury that surrounds her. Beloved by everyone for her kind and pure heart, her greatest desire is to see Aryavardhan happily married, and her presence brings emotional gravity and familial warmth to the storyline.

Vandana Pathak said, "Zee TV feels like an extension of my home and heart—it's where my journey on television began with Hum Paanch nearly three decades ago."

comeback after a five-year hiatus. She steps into the role

"I did 22 full ghoomars across multiple takes", says Nausheen Ali Sardar on her performance in Vasudha

Mumbai 17 June: Zee TV's Vasudha continues to strike a powerful emotional chord with audiences across the country through its gripping narrative and layered characters. The latest episode takes a poignant turn as Vasudha (Priya Thakur) faces an emotional setback with the Chauhan family now seeing Megha (Mandeep Kaur) as the ideal match for Devansh (Abhishek Sharma). In the upcoming sequence, the family gathers to celebrate Devansh and Megha's engagement, and the atmosphere is electric with tradition, music, and festivity. But amidst the grandeur of the engagement festivities in the show, one moment stands out as an absolute showstopper—a spellbinding Ghoomar performance by Chandrika, played by the ever-elegant Nausheen Ali Sardar. Rooted in Rajasthani heritage, Ghoomar is a traditional folk dance performed by women to mark new beginnings, and Nausheen brings it to life with grace and intensity, combining powerful twirls, expressive hand movements, and a magnetic presence that beautifully honours the spirit of the tradition. To prepare for the sequence, she underwent four days of rigorous rehearsals, training under a professional choreographer to perfect the intricate footwork, hand gestures, and nuanced expressions that define Ghoomar.



## Leopard enters house to kill pet dog!

Forest department initiates search operation, Sensational incident comes to light in Tapovan Doctor Colony Footage captured on CCTV, panic prevails in locality

Amravati 17 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): A shocking incident that took place in Doctor Colony in Tapovan locality of the city on Saturday night has created an atmosphere of fear & panic in the entire area. A leopard entered the house of Rathod family late at night and tried to carry off their pet dog as its prey. This shocking incident was captured on the CCTV camera placed outside the house. According to information received, the leopard jumped from the gate while Rathod family members



were sleeping in the house. It entered the premises of their house and attacked the pet dog outside the house. However, as the dog resisted strongly and screamed, Rathod immediately came

and alerted other residents of the area. This incident has created an atmosphere of terror in the locality including Doctor Colony. Citizens are feeling afraid to step out of their homes at night in these circumstances.

**Cages set up in the area**  
The Forest Department has been informed about this incident, and officials have reached the spot and started a search operation in the area. Action has also been taken to set up cages in the area in order to track the leopard. Notably, there was

talk of a leopard-like animal being seen roaming around in the area a few days ago. Therefore, it is clear that the leopard is certainly active in the area.

The Forest Department authorities have appealed to the citizens to be vigilant. Citizens have been advised not to venture out of their houses especially at night. A search operation was underway throughout the day on Sunday on the basis of the CCTV footage and other visual & pugmark related evidence.

## Umesh Rathod assumes charge of MSEDCL City 1 Sub-Division

Achalpur 17 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Achalpur MSEDCL City 1 Sub-Division is now under a new leader as Umesh K Rathod has assumed charge in the capacity of Deputy Executive Engineer. Earlier he was working in Amravati and now he has been transferred to Achalpur. Manoj Tawalkar, who was earlier working in this post, has now been transferred to Nagpur. After assuming charge, Umesh Rathod has said that his priority will be to provide smooth and timely service to all electricity consumers in the area. He said that all possible measures will be taken to resolve electricity supply related issues & complaints immediately. As far as the recent transfers of officers in MSEDCL is concerned, Assistant Engineer Harshpal Sawatkar has also been transferred to Mumbai. After this transfer, indeed an experienced engineer will be posted



to Achalpur City 1 Sub-division. Umesh Rathod will also be ably assisted in his works and assignments by other senior officials & employees of MSEDCL, many of whom were present during the function in which he assumed charge. Umesh Rathod was welcomed with a bouquet of flowers by several dignitaries. Those who welcomed him included Engineer Gaurav Nistane, Rajesh Gawali, Nilesh Rote, Manoj Sardar, Nilesh Shinde, BD Shah, Gaurav Khawale, Pankaj Mahulkar, Manisha Charate, Sajid Sheikh and Deepali Lade.

## Ajni bridge danger grows: Delays, neglect and daily risk for thousands

Nagpur 17 June: The collapse of a bridge over the Indrayani River near Kundmala village in Pune's Mawal tehsil on Sunday afternoon led to casualties and injuries, once again raising serious concerns about ageing infrastructure across Maharashtra. Attention has now shifted to Nagpur's 125-year-old Ajni railway bridge, which remains in daily use despite its dangerously deteriorated state. Built in 1900 during the British era, the bridge was officially declared past its lifespan nearly two decades ago by the original British construction company. However, it continues to carry thousands of vehicles every day, including heavy trucks and container carriers, accelerating its wear and tear. According to a local daily report, the surface of the Ajni bridge has become increasingly dangerous, with frequent accidents involving two-wheelers and regular collisions due to the lack of proper dividers. Over the years, authorities have tried various temporary fixes from pipe dividers and green netting to cement blocks. Height barriers were also placed at both ends to stop heavy vehicles. But these measures have proved ineffective. Trucks often damage or bypass the barriers. One end of the bridge now has no barrier at all, and the other is only partially blocked, allowing heavy vehicles to pass through especially at night putting further stress on the already fragile structure. With no major repairs planned and the alternative cable-stayed bridge still nowhere near completion, Ajni bridge continues to pose a serious risk. If a tragedy were to happen, it wouldn't be an accident it would be the result of long-standing administrative neglect. In April 2023, work began on a new 200-metre-long, six-lane cable-stayed bridge meant to replace the ageing Ajni bridge. The Rs 333-crore project required the demolition of 25-30 shops in Ajni Colony and was originally scheduled for completion by the end of 2024. However, as of June 2025, there is little visible progress neither the pylon pillar has been built, nor the girder installed. At the current pace,



completing the bridge within the next two years seems highly unlikely. Infrastructure safety concerns are not new to Central Railway. Back on November 27, 2022, a portion of the foot overbridge at Ballarshah railway station collapsed, claiming the life of one woman and injuring seven others. Yet, despite that tragedy, both Central Railway and Maharashtra appear to have taken little meaningful action to address the risks posed by other ageing structures, including the Ajni bridge. Satish Yadav, a member of the Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee (ZRUCC) of Central Railway, has expressed serious concern over the ongoing use of the deteriorating Ajni bridge. He criticised the sluggish progress on the construction of the replacement bridge and warned that a tragedy similar to the recent Mawal collapse could occur in Nagpur as well. Yadav's statement raises pressing questions about accountability and the urgency of infrastructure safety.

**Past Warnings Ignored: Ajni Bridge Repair Orders Date Back Years**

Back in September 2023, during the UPA regime, then Minister of State for Railways Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury visited Nagpur and inspected the Ajni bridge. Disturbed by its deteriorated condition, he ordered immediate repairs. Although minor fixes were carried out, the bridge has continued to remain operational despite having long exceeded its safe service life highlighting a long-standing neglect of safety warnings.

## Chandrapur burglar arrested in Nagpur, linked to 5 incidents

Nagpur 17 June: In a significant breakthrough, Nagpur's Dhantoli Police have arrested a serial house-breaker from Chandrapur, successfully cracking five burglary cases registered across different police jurisdictions in the city, including Dhantoli, Sonegaon, and Ajni. The investigation began after a complaint was filed by Sheetal Naresh Chittalwar (24), a resident of Flat No. 201, Samyak Apartment, Vikas Nagar, Nagpur. Between 9 am on June 8 and 10:30 am on June 9, while the complainant was visiting her uncle's home in Chandrapur with her family, unidentified miscreants broke the lock on her main door and stole Rs 22 thousand in cash from her bedroom cupboard. A case was registered under Sections 305, 331(3), and 331(4) of the BNS at Dhantoli Police Station. During the investigation, officers noticed a pattern in six house-breaking cases reported within a week in the Dhantoli



area. Over the course of three days, police carried out technical surveillance and gathered specific intelligence pointing towards a suspect from Chandrapur. Following a targeted operation, the accused—identified as Ashish Srinivas Reddy malla (25), a resident of Rayatwari Colony, Dispensary Chowk, Bypass Road, Chandrapur—was taken into custody. During interrogation, he confessed to the burglary at Chittalwar's residence and

four other break-ins: two more in Dhantoli, and one each in the Sonegaon and Ajni police jurisdictions. From the accused's possession, police recovered Rs 15,000 in cash, 4 gold rings weighing 32 grams, \$200 in US currency, Euro 100, and one iron rod. The total value of the recovered stolen property is estimated at Rs 2.33 lakh. Further investigation is underway to trace other accomplices and verify links to similar unsolved cases.

## Sankalp Krida Mandal felicitates newly appointed PI Shivprakash Mule

Darwha 17 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): The newly appointed Police Inspector of Darwha Police Station, Shivprakash Mule, who recently joined through a transfer, is receiving a warm welcome from various organizations across the city. On Tuesday, Sankalp Krida Mandal extended their greetings to Inspector Mule at the police station. President of the Mandal Shyam Pande and Secretary Vijay Kale presented a floral bouquet and briefed him about the various sports and community-oriented initiatives undertaken by the organization. They also invited Inspector Mule to grace their upcoming sports competitions with his presence, to which he responded positively and assured his support. Inspector Mule expressed appreciation for the courtesy visit and conveyed that the police department is always open to collaborate with social organizations.



He emphasized the importance of maintaining law and order in the city and welcomed Sankalp Krida Mandal's support whenever necessary. The visit concluded with mutual expressions of goodwill and commitment toward strengthening community relations.

## Awareness camps being organised under 'Dhartibaba Campaign' for tribals' development

Amravati 17 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): As part of the 'Dhartibaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan' from June 15 to 30, various awareness camps are being organised in tribal regions of Dharni and Chikhaldara talukas.

Camps will be held in Dharni on June 23, Kalamkhar on June 24, and Susarda on June 26. In Chikhaldara, camps will be conducted in Salona on June 18, Chikhali on June 24, and Hatru on June 26.

The campaign is being conducted under the guidance of Collector Ashish Yerekar and CEO Sanjita Mahapatra. Project Officer Rahul Thombre has urged citizens to participate and avail benefits.

## Monsoon advances in Vidarbha after a long delay, yellow alert issued for region

Nagpur 17 June: After nearly three weeks of stagnant conditions, the Southwest Monsoon has finally advanced into parts of Vidarbha,



bringing much-needed relief from the persistent heat. According to the Regional Meteorological Centre, the monsoon has crossed Amravati district and is expected to cover the remaining areas of Vidarbha over the next two to three days, with conditions now favourable for further progress. The monsoon had earlier touched Aheri and Sironcha in Gadchiroli district and the border areas of Chandrapur on May 28. However, its advancement stalled due to the lack of conducive weather. After a prolonged 19-day pause, fresh movement of rain-bearing clouds has revived monsoon activity in the region — a welcome development for residents who had been grappling with intense heat and humidity. In the past 24 hours, rainfall was recorded in

## PCE students to lead cyber security awareness under 'Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha'

Nagpur 17 June: Four outstanding students of Priyadarshini College of Engineering (PCE) have been selected as club officers for the prestigious 'Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha' campaign, an initiative by the Quick Heal Foundation to promote cyber security awareness. The selected students Manthan Tighare (President), Satya Bisen (Secretary), Danish Sheikh (Media Director), and Aditya Mishra (Director) will now lead efforts to spread awareness about cybercrime prevention and digital safety across various social groups. The students recently participated in an intensive training and orientation program at the Quick Heal Foundation's headquarters in Pune. During the session, Mrs. Anupama Katkar, Chairperson of Quick Heal Foundation,



interacted with the students and extended her best wishes, appreciating their commitment to cyber safety. Prof. Bhagyashree Dharaskar has been appointed as the faculty coordinator to guide the students throughout the campaign. Dr. Vivek M. Nanoti, Director of Engineering at Lokmanya Tilak Jankalyan Shikshan Sanstha and Principal Dr. Shrikishna Dhanse congratulated the team and said, 'It's inspiring to see our students taking the lead in such meaningful social initiatives. Along with academics, this kind of work shapes them into responsible citizens.'

## Solve the city's problems; City Congress Committee aggressive

**YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST:** The citizens have been suffering from many urban problems such as water shortage, poor condition of roads, laxity in waste management, lack of health facilities, lack of fogging and trouble from stray animals for the past several days. A statement was given to the municipal council administration on June 16 on behalf of the City Congress Committee demanding immediate measures to be taken regarding these problems and basic amenities. City Congress Committee President Prof. Dr. Bablu alias Anil Deshmukh led a review of more than 15 major problems facing the citizens of the city.

In this regard, citizens are mainly suffering due to extremely uneven and low pressure water supply in many wards, the pathetic condition of internal and main roads, and the number of accidents has increased due to potholed roads. Waste management has deteriorated and due to regular cleaning, foul smell and diseases have increased. There is a fear of flood-like situation during the monsoon due to non-cleaning of drains. There are insufficient doctors, medicines and facilities in the urban health centers. There is a complaint that garbage collection vehicles not coming for fifteen days. There is no action to control



mosquitoes through fogging machines in 28 wards of the city, many problems were discussed at this time. Municipal Council Chief Officer Shubham

Kyatmwar was absent at this time, the City Congress delegation submitted a representation to the Administrator Municipal Council Deputy Chief Officer Bhojar and Chief Engineer Gawli. On this occasion, the City Congress Committee President Prof. Dr. Bablu Deshmukh, District Youth Congress District President Pramod Bagade, former corporator Vishal Pawade, Vaishali Sawai, Pallavi Ramteke, Pramodini Ramteke, Uttamrao Khandare, Om Tiwari, Lalaji Telgote, Naam Pailwan, Javed Ansari, Nandu Kudmethe and numerous activists were present.

## Nagpur schools to reopen on June 23

Nagpur 17 June: Amid confusion triggered by some schools announcing early reopening dates, the Education Department has released a definitive circular confirming that all schools across Maharashtra will reopen on June 23, 2025, after the summer break. The directive, issued on June 16 by the Education Officer (Primary), Zilla Parishad, Nagpur, is applicable to all school categories — including private unaided, aided, self-financed institutions, and CBSE-affiliated schools. In view of the persistent high temperatures in the Vidarbha region, the Director of Education, Maharashtra, has instructed that schools operate on morning shifts during the first week of



reopening. From June 23 to June 28, classes will run from 7:00 AM to 11:45 AM to ensure student safety and comfort. Regular full-day sessions will commence from June 30,

2025. The circular has been circulated to all concerned departments for prompt implementation, ending any speculation regarding the reopening schedule.



# Action taken against anti social elements carrying weapons in violation of externment orders

Trio nabbed, 3 weapons seized, cases registered at various police stations

**Amravati 17 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Police have initiated stern action against those who are creating terror in the city with deadly weapons and those who are violating externment orders. Local Crime Branch Unit team has arrested three suspects on Monday and seized three dangerous weapons from their possession. Cases have been registered in this regard at Fraserpura, Badnera and City Kotwali police stations. On Saturday (June 14), police officials had received a tip-off that Yash alias Gandhi Vinod Tayade (aged 21 years, resident of Kalyan Nagar), who had been externed, was roaming around freely with a lethal weapon in Prasad Colony under the jurisdiction of Fraserpura police station. The police immediately



initiated action and he was arrested on the same day. On the same day, it was found that Shrikrishna Ramrao Akhre (aged 28 years, resident of Anjangaon Bari) was roaming around the village with a weapon despite being under

externment orders. A case was registered against him at Badnera Police Station under Section 142 of Maharashtra Police Act, 4/25 Arms Act and 135 Maharashtra Police Act. On June 16, Local Crime Branch sleuths initiated

action on the basis of a tip off received. It was found that Jai alias Yuvraj Vijay Kukhane (aged 25 years, resident of Chichai) was preparing to commit a serious crime with a weapon in front of Shiva temple in Hamalpur. Local

police along with LCB sleuths arrested him and seized a sharp knife from his possession during a physical inspection. A case has been registered in the aftermath of the incident at City Kotwali Police Station.

**Material worth Rs 3 thousand confiscated**

In these three operations, the local police have seized a total of 3 deadly weapons, the total value of which is about Rs 3 thousand. The operation was carried out as per the orders of CP Arvind Chavaria, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner of Police Ganesh Shinde, Kalpana Baravkar, Sagar Patil, Assistant Commissioner of Police Shivaji Bachate. Police Inspector Babarao Awchar, Assistant Inspector Mahesh Ingole, Sub-Inspector Sanjay Wankhade and their subordinate police personnel took part in the action.

# Parents demand fair prove into Akanksha Bobde's death

Memorandum submitted to CP, Children falsely implicated, they claim

**Amravati 17 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** The parents of Pratik Hiwase and Prathamesh Adhav have demanded a high-level and impartial investigation into the Bobde death case, an incident which came to light within the jurisdiction of Gadgenagar police station. For this demand, they have submitted a two-page memorandum to the Police Commissioner on the afternoon of June 16. After submitting the memorandum, Pratik's father Sharad Hiwase and Prathamesh's mother Jyoti Adhav, while interacting with media persons, said that their children are being falsely implicated in the case. Both had reached the spot only to render assistance. According to information available, Prateek received a phone call at 8.03 pm and he immediately reached the



spot. At that time, Akanksha was found hanging from the ceiling. Prathamesh immediately contacted the local police on 112 and the ambulance on 108 and also called other friends for rendering assistance.

The memorandum also states that Akanksha died before 8 o'clock. Pratik and Prathamesh tried to render assistance by showing sensitivity, so no charges were filed against them.

**Allegations levelled against cops**

Shahar Hiwase and Jyoti Adhav have requested the Police Commissioner to provide them justice.

They also demanded a thorough, impartial and scientific investigation into the matter. They also alleged that the local police were lax in going through the timeline of the incident. Critical aspects such as CCTV footage, call details, records and mobile location should be assessed to connect the dots and solve the case convincingly, they said.

# Massive inspection drive conducted at 1,214 Agricultural Input Centres in a single day

'One Day for Farmers' campaign successfully implemented in Amravati district

**Amravati 17 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A dedicated effort to ensure the availability of high-quality agricultural inputs to farmers, a special one-day campaign titled 'One Day for Farmers' was conducted across Amravati district on June 13, under the initiative of District Collector Ashish Yerekar. As part of this large-scale drive, inspections were carried out at 1,214 out of 1,434 agricultural input centres in the district in a single day. The inspection focused on various aspects including the proper pricing and sale of seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides. Authorities checked for complaints such as

overpricing of seeds, compulsory sale of additional products along with seeds, denial of inputs despite availability, sale of unauthorised seeds, and counterfeit pesticides. Inspectors also verified whether the centres displayed necessary details such as the name of the centre, license information, bill books, stock registers, price boards, names and contact numbers of flying squad members, and 'No Linking' posters prominently. Officials including Revenue Officers, Gram Vikas Officers, Assistant Agriculture Officers, Agriculture Supervisors, Mandal

Officers, and Mandal Agriculture Officers were appointed to oversee the inspections, which were carried out throughout the day in their presence. To facilitate grievance redressal, the contact numbers of Taluka Agriculture Officers and Panchayat Samiti Agriculture Officers, along with all flying squad members, were displayed at every input centre. In view of the upcoming Kharif season, a district-level monitoring team and 14 taluka-level flying squads have also been established to ensure strict oversight. Furthermore, a dedicated Google Form has been created for lodging

complaints, and its QR code has been displayed at all agricultural input centres. Farmers can scan the QR code or send their complaints via WhatsApp to the number 808053662. Immediate and strict action will be taken on all complaints received. District Collector Ashish Yerekar has appealed to all farmers to purchase seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides only from authorized dealers and to ensure they obtain valid receipts for the same. He also cautioned farmers against falling prey to the illegal sale of HTBT cotton seeds and urged them not to insist on specific seed varieties without proper verification.

# Farmer ends life by hanging self in Nimboli Bhonge

**Dhamangaon Railway 17 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** With monsoon approaching, a young farmer from Nimboli Bhonge committed suicide by hanging himself due to financial issues amid harvesting and sowing activities looming large and mounting debt. This heartbreaking incident took place on Sunday (June 15) afternoon. Dheeraj Gajanan Gotmare (30) a resident of Nimboli Bhonge had a 3-acre farm which was shared by his joint family. However, due to continuous crop failure and a bank loan of Rs 1 lakh, he was in a state of massive financial crisis. Dheeraj's family comprises his parents and two brothers. He felt that he

was responsible for the family being in dire straits. He was feeling mentally stressed due to not fetching sufficient income from farming and not figuring out any foreseeable way to repay his loan. He became depressed to an even greater extent as it was seemingly impossible to raise money for sowing activities. On Sunday afternoon, at around 1:30 pm, he tied a rope to the roof of the cowshed and hanged himself. He died on the spot in the aftermath of this incident.



# Groundbreaking ceremony of development works worth Rs 30 lakh held

**Amravati 17 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A groundbreaking ceremony was held on June 15 for development works worth Rs 30 lakhs in the open space of Bhagyodaya Colony, under Rahatgaon - Shegaon (Ward No. 1), for the benefit of senior citizens, the elderly, and women. The ceremony, led by Ward President Guddu alias Prashant Dharmale and attended by local residents, marked the enthusiastic beginning of these public welfare projects. During the event, MLA Subha Khodke and Guddu Dharmale interacted with local citizens, emphasizing the need for unified support for the overall development of the ward.

The program was attended by a large number of various office bearers and local residents, including Ratnadeep Bagde, Abhimanyu Taywade, Rajendra Kandalkar, Ashok and Satish Sonwal, Uddhav Talal, Rajendra Khodke, Lata Nanhe, Usha Langde, Jaishree Kakad, Sunita Mundane, Megha Deshmukh, Rishi Kale, Ram Kale, Adwet Chodhe, Mayur Sonwal, and Arpit Boke. This initiative serves as an example of community participation and the positive approach of local leadership. Guddu Dharmale indicated that a series of similar people-oriented initiatives would be implemented in the Rahatgaon - Shegaon ward in the coming days.

# Enthusiastic send-off for Nagpur to Pandharpur Cycle Yatra from Umarkhed

**Umarkhed 17 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A group of 85 cyclists, including women and a senior citizen, embarked on the Nagpur to Pandharpur cycle yatra with great enthusiasm from Umarkhed. Chanting 'Mauli Mauli, Vitthal Vitthal Jai Hari Vitthal', the cyclists began their spiritual and fitness journey covering 700 km to Pandharpur. The cyclists stayed overnight at Arya Vaishya Bhavan in Umarkhed on June 16 before resuming their journey early in the morning. Now in its fourth year, the yatra has seen increasing participation — from just 2 cyclists in the first year, to 13 in the second,

35 in the third, and 85 this year, including 8 women and an 85-year-old man. The yatra was flagged off on June 15 in Nagpur by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari. Organized jointly by 'Tiger Group of Adventure, Nagpur' and 'Krida Bharati', this initiative has received an overwhelming response from cyclists across Maharashtra. The yatra will conclude on June 22 in Pandharpur. A grand concluding event is planned, coinciding with International Yoga Day. It includes a special yoga session and a grand 'Ringan' ceremony, expected to host around

3,500 cyclists from across the state. Renowned cyclist Dr. Amit Samarth will be the chief guest at the event. The cycle yatra aims to promote environmental conservation, public health, fitness awareness, and the cultural values of the Warkari tradition. Citizens of Umarkhed welcomed and congratulated the cyclists. Rotary Club members including Surendra Kodgirwar, Kailas Udawant, Datta Durkewar, Sandeep Agrawal, and Uday Pattewar visited them during the night. Dr. Sandesh Deshmukh and Dr. Krishna Naik even cycled with the group up to the city outskirts.

# 7 Officials made Taluka Guardian Officers in Amravati

**Amravati 17 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** In a move to enhance the efficiency of the Revenue Department and to support the local administration in the effective implementation of various government schemes, seven officers from the District Collector have been appointed as Taluka Guardian Officers. As per the order issued by District Collector Ashish Yerekar, the following appointments have been made: \* Resident Deputy Collector Anil Bhatkar - Morshi and Warud talukas \* Election Deputy Collector Shivaji Shinde - Daryapur and Anjangaon Surji \* District Supply Officer Nand Lande - Amravati and Nandgaon Khandeshwar \* MGNREGA Deputy Collector Dnyaneshwar Gnyar - Dharni and Chikhaldara \* Revenue Deputy Collector Vivek Jadhav - Achalpur and Chandur Bazaar \* District Rehabilitation

Officer Shradha Udavant - Bhatkul and Tivsa \* Special Land Acquisition Officer Prasannajit Chavan - Chandur Railway and Dhamangaon Railway talukas The appointed officers will oversee revenue, development, and disaster management operations in their respective talukas. They will also monitor the implementation of various government schemes and submit monthly progress reports to the District Collector. Each officer is expected to visit the assigned taluka at least once every 15 days, preferably on Wednesdays. Additionally, they will address challenges faced by beneficiaries of schemes such as the Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana, Agristack registration, Aadhaar authentication, and housing schemes. They will also conduct meetings with local administrative machinery to review and streamline operations.

# Thief disguised as monk decamps with ring & cash

Incident comes to light at Gurukrupa Hospital

**Amravati 17 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A thief disguised as a monk stole a doctor's ring and Rs 600 from Gurukrupa Hospital in Bole Complex, Chandur Railway. The victim, Prashant Wadonkar (aged 53 years, a resident of Chandur Railway) has filed a complaint at Chandur Railway Police Station on June 15. Police have registered a case against an unidentified suspect. On June 12 at around 1 pm, a middle aged man, about 40 to 45 years old, dressed in saffron clothes, with a turban tied on his head and a kamandalu in his hand, came to Gurukrupa Hospital. He called himself a monk and asked for dakshina from Prashant. However, when he was refused, he explained that he had a stomach ache.



Then he placed the Akshata in Prashant's hands and claimed that within a short time it had turned into a rudraksha. Impressed by this miracle, Prashant bowed down before him. The monk then stole the ring from his hand and Rs 600 from his pocket. When

Prashant asked for the ring, the monk put the ring in his mouth, swallowed it and fled the scene. Prashant was stunned for some time after this incident. However, on June 15, he filed a complaint at the local police station. Two days before this incident, a similar incident had come to light in Bachchraj Plot area of Amravati city. There, two monks had impersonated a youth and stole a ring weighing approximately 20 grams and worth Rs 60 thousand. A complaint was filed in this case at City Kotwali Police Station.

# Duo nabbed for setting portion of MSEDCL office afire

Walgaon police's decisive action

**Amravati 17 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Two youths have been arrested for setting fire to a portion of MSEDCL office in Walgaon by pouring petrol and also for attempting to kill an assistant engineer by pouring petrol on him. The suspects have been identified as Avinash Govardhan Nirmal (33) and Vinit Diliprao Tayade (32). Both are residents of Walgaon. Serious cases have been registered against them.



This incident had taken place recently. The two suspects, who had come to the MSEDCL office in an angry state due to a power outage related issue, poured petrol from the fuel bottles they had brought along with them onto the office table and documents and set the belongings fire. At this time, the assistant engineer in charge, Gopal Ingole, and his colleague tried to put forth an explanation to their grievances. However, the suspects poured petrol from the second bottle directly on Ingole and tried to burn him

severely damaged and many important documents also have been destroyed in the blaze. An atmosphere of fear has been created among the employees in the office. MSEDCL authorities condemn incident

The MSEDCL administration has strongly condemned this incident. Superintendent Engineer Deepak Dewhate visited Walgaon office and took stock of the incident site and appealed to the employees to continue discharging regular service without getting discouraged. He clarified that the MSEDCL administration stands firmly besides the employees in their hour of need.

# Revenue department's grievance redressal camp held at Rohada

**Pusad 17 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A special revenue service camp named 'Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Rajaswa Samadhan Shibir' was successfully organized at Rohada, a village on the plateau region of Pusad taluka, with great enthusiasm. The initiative aimed to provide multiple government services related to revenue matters at one location for the convenience of citizens. During the camp, students and local residents were issued 42 certificates, including income, domicile, and caste certificates. These were distributed by Sub-Divisional Officer Ashish Bijwal and Tehsildar Mahadev Jorwar. Additionally, updated 70 Satbara (7/12 land extracts), Ration Cards, and other essential documents were distributed under the



guidance of the SDO. Some urgent Aadhaar-related applications were also processed on the spot. Speaking on the occasion, SDO Bijwal highlighted that such camps help villagers save time and money and appealed to the public to take full advantage of these services. Various department representatives—including Block Development Officers, Agriculture Officers, Animal

Husbandry, Health Department, Gram Panchayat, Forest Department, and Police—were present to address public grievances and provide assistance. The primary focus of the camp was to resolve daily issues related to the Revenue Department for farmers, women, and students, ensuring more citizen-friendly and efficient revenue administration. Such camps will be conducted four times a year

at the Mandal (circle) level. The success of the camp was due to the collective efforts of Mandal Officer, Revenue Officer Deshmukh, local official Kakde, and Agricultural Assistant. Rohada's Police Patil Rajkumar Parisakar and Dispute-Free Committee President were present during the event. The program was anchored by Gajanan Shamsundar and concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Namdev Paighan.

## CHANGE OF NAME

MY OLD NAME WAS KOMAL RAJESHWAR SAO. NOW MY NEW NAME IS KOMAL AMOL THODGE. THE PERSON WITH BOTH THESE NAMES ARE THE SAME. ADDRESS : C/O AMOL A. THODGE, 612 SHIVAJI PARK, 1/17 A TUSHAR PARK, GOODWILL SQUARE DHANORI PUNE 411015 (MAHARASHTRA)

## CHANGE OF NAME

MY OLD NAME WAS RAJESHWARAO PANDITRAO SAO. NOW MY NEW NAME IS RAJESHWAR PANDITRAO SAO. THE PERSON WITH BOTH THESE NAMES ARE THE SAME. ADDRESS : C/O PANDIT-RAO SAO NEW GILANI NAGAR, UMARSARA YAVATMAL 445001 (MAHARASHTRA)



## OCW & NMC's outbound call centre receives enthusiastic response



**Nagpur 17 June:** "Hello, is your water supply regular? Is the water pressure adequate? Are you facing any issues with water supply?" — If you receive a call with such concerned inquiries, know that this idea has now become a reality. Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) and Orange City Water (OCW) have taken the initiative to start an Outbound Call Center. Through this center, calls are being made to citizens to understand their water-related problems. This service has received an enthusiastic response from the residents of Nagpur. Earlier, to resolve the issue of regarding to lodge complaints related to water problems,

service improvements. This center acts as a sensitive and empathetic platform to connect with customers, thereby strengthening customer relationships. Additionally, the valuable information obtained from direct customer feedback helps enhance the overall performance of services. Currently, 35 executives are working at this outbound call center. Between September 2024 and May 2025, around 2.40 lakh customers were contacted. Of these, 2.22 lakh expressed satisfaction with OCW's services. In some areas, important feedback was received regarding improving water pressure and supply duration. Moreover, customers also provided valuable suggestions for enhancing digital platforms and related services. OCW is continuously acting on the feedback received from customers. Efforts are ongoing to include newer and better facilities in the future, and OCW remains committed to meeting the expectations of its customers. For more information about water supply, consumers can contact NMC-OCW Helpline No 1800 266 9899 or email at [contact@ocwindia.com](mailto:contact@ocwindia.com).

## One dead, 5 injured after slurry leak at Ankit Pulp and Boards Pharma Unit in Bhilgaon



**Nagpur 17 June:** A tragic industrial mishap occurred at Ankit Pulp and Boards, a pharmaceutical manufacturing company located in Bhilgaon under the jurisdiction of New Kamptee police, resulting in the death of one worker and injuries to five others here, on Tuesday, June 17.

The incident took place after slurry leaked from a Glass Lined Reactor (GLR) inside the factory. One worker died on the spot, while another is reported to be in critical condition. Four others sustained injuries and were rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment. Following the incident, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Niketan Kadam, Police Inspector Mahesh Andhale, along with the factory inspector and labour inspector, visited the site to assess the situation.

Authorities have initiated an investigation into the cause of the leak and whether any safety lapses were involved. The police and factory safety officials are ensuring accountability and preventing future incidents.

## LCB sleuths crack down on illegal Hookah Parlour at Second Floor Cafe in Sitabuldi, 4 held

**Nagpur 17 June:** In a late-night operation, the Crime Branch Unit 5 of Nagpur Police raided an illegal hookah parlour operating under the guise of a café at Laxmi Bhavan, Gautamare Complex, Sitabuldi, and apprehended four individuals for serving banned tobacco products. Based on reliable intelligence, the team conducted a raid at Second Floor Cafe between 1:00 am and 3:30 am on Tuesday, June 17 and found that the accused were supplying prohibited flavoured tobacco products for hookah consumption to customers for monetary gain. The arrested individuals have been identified as:

- \* Sunny Vikas Borkar (25), resident of Ambedkar Nagar, Dharampath
- \* Harsh Suresh Khandarkar (22), resident of Ramnagar, Hill Top
- \* Arpan Ravi Jamgade (19), resident of Hill Top, Sudam Nagari
- \* Brinal Sudhir Gaware

## CM Cup wrestling meet logo unveiled



**Nagpur 17 June:** The programme of CM Cup wrestling meet logo unveiling was presided over by former principal of Dhanwate National College Dr. Babanrao Taywade. Additional Commissioner of Nagpur Municipal Corporation Ajay Charthankar was the chief guest on the occasion. Deputy Director of Sports Shekhar Patil, Deputy Commissioner of Municipal Corporation Vinod Jadhav, NMC Sports Officer Dr. Piyush Ambulkar, Vinod Baghel, Dayaram Bhotmange, Vinod Dani, Vinod Kanhere along with sports enthusiasts were present. The Chief Minister's Cup Wrestling Competition has been organized at the Divisional Sports Complex in Mankapur from June 20 to June 22, 2025. On this occasion, the logo of the competition was unveiled. Ajay Charthankar, expressed happiness that the All India Wrestling Competition is being organised in Nagpur. Shekhar Patil said that Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis has provided great support to the sports sector. The state government has provided a fund of Rs 700 crore for the Mankapur Sports Complex. On this occasion, Dr. Babanrao Taywade said that Nagpur city has been the center of wrestling.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has done the work of giving scope to sports competitions in Nagpur in the form of Khasdar Krida Mahotsav. Due to this, the name of the city and the state has reached a high level, he said.

## Security breach on Samruddhi Mahamarg

### Robbery, stone pelting incidents raise alarm

**Nagpur 17 June:** Touted as a symbol of progress and modern infrastructure, the Samruddhi Mahamarg — Maharashtra's flagship expressway connecting Nagpur to Mumbai — is now drawing fire not for its speed or scale, but for the shocking surge in criminal attacks on commuters. Stone-pelting, looting, and police inaction are turning this supposed "expressway of prosperity" into a dangerous nightmare for travellers. While ministers in the State Government continue to pat themselves on the back for the project, ground realities tell a starkly different story. Videos and testimonies posted by terrified citizens on social media are painting a chilling picture — that of gangsters lying in wait, pelting stones at high-speed vehicles, forcing them to stop, and robbing unsuspecting families at will, especially near the tunnels around Bhokardan, between Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar and Nagpur. One such user posted three alarming videos on social media platform X, alleging that the stretch has become a hotspot for criminal gangs. He claimed that there is no visible police presence, no emergency assistance,



and no deterrent to prevent these attacks. His post quickly gained traction, with other users tagging top officials and demanding immediate intervention. The gravity of the situation escalated further with the earlier incident involving Palghar-based doctor, who was ambushed on May 2 near Buldhana while returning home with his family. A gang of four stopped his car, brutally assaulted him in front of his wife and children, and looted them at knifepoint. His wife pleaded with the attackers to stop hitting her husband, offering everything they had in exchange for mercy. "We are still haunted by that night," the doctor later told a local daily, narrating the trauma and fear that continues to grip his family. Ironically, the Samruddhi Mahamarg — officially the Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg — was envisioned as a world-class expressway promising

safety, speed, and convenience. But in reality, large stretches remain underdeveloped, CCTV coverage is patchy, and police patrolling is grossly inadequate — creating a perfect storm for criminal elements to operate with impunity. These repeated incidents are now triggering a wave of public outrage. Citizens are questioning whether the state government is more interested in optics than actual safety. If this is Maharashtra's model infrastructure project, they ask, what message does it send about governance and law enforcement in the rest of the state? The police, reportedly jolted into action following the viral videos, have now registered cases and initiated an investigation. But for many, the damage has already been done — both to public trust and to the dream of a safe, seamless ride through Maharashtra. Until systemic security lapses are addressed, and visible, round-the-clock policing becomes the norm, the Samruddhi Mahamarg risks becoming less a game-changer, and more a high-speed corridor of fear.

## Nagpur's Divya dethrones China's World No.1 Yifan in Blitz Chess thriller

**Nagpur 17 June:** In a chessboard clash that felt like a scene straight out of a grandmaster's dream, Nagpur's rising star Divya Deshmukh delivered a jaw-dropping upset, defeating World No. 1 Hou Yifan of China in a high-stakes semifinal blitz match at the World Team Blitz Chess Championship in London on Monday. Representing Hexamind Chess Club, the 18-year-old Indian sensation squared off against the Chinese titan, who played for WRC Chess Team. In a thrilling 74-move battle reminiscent of the recent Carlsen-Gukesh classical showdown, Divya outplayed Yifan in the rook vs bishop endgame, forcing the world champion to resign after a rare blunder. For Divya, it was a moment of disbelief and pure emotion — her first-ever win against the world's top-ranked woman player. As Yifan graciously offered a handshake and exited the stage with a smile, Divya closed her eyes in quiet triumph, soaking in the enormity of her achievement before swiftly refocusing for the next round. The victory wasn't just a flash of brilliance — it was part of a stellar campaign. In the blitz format, Divya racked up six wins, one draw, and just one loss out of eight games, clocking an elite performance rating of 2606 — far above her blitz Elo of 2343. She later dominated the third-place playoff, helping her team defeat Uzbekistan 3.5–2.5 in both rounds to claim team bronze. But the blitz glory followed an equally strong run in the rapid format, where Divya's consistency — five wins, six draws, and just one loss — secured team silver and an individual bronze on Board 6, with a robust performance rating of 2420.



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## Gram Panchayat member stabbed to death in Pipala, Saoner

### Accused on the run, cops launch manhunt



**Nagpur 17 June:** In a shocking incident, Atul Patil, a Gram Panchayat member from Pipla in Saoner, was brutally stabbed to death in the early hours of Tuesday, June 16. According to sources, the murder occurred between 2 am and 3 am. The accused has been identified as Himanshu Kumbhalkar. He is currently absconding. Following the incident, Patil's body was shifted to Mayo Hospital for post-mortem. The motive behind the murder is yet to be ascertained. Saoner Police have launched a manhunt to trace the accused, and an investigation is underway.

## Bawankule orders urgent road repairs and river cleansing ahead of monsoon



**Nagpur 17 June:** As the monsoon nears, Maharashtra Revenue and Guardian Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule has instructed the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) to immediately begin repairing city roads damaged during the summer. The directive came during a review meeting held at the NMC headquarters. Bawankule stressed the urgency of road repairs across major routes,

including those managed by the Nagpur Improvement Trust (NIT). He asked civic officials to prepare a detailed project report for the re-carpeting work and assured that the state government would provide the necessary funding. In addition to roadworks, the minister expressed serious concern over the lack of desilting in riverbeds and nallahs, particularly in areas outside the city limits managed by the Nagpur Metropolitan Region Development Authority (NMRDA). He ordered the NMRDA to complete all desilting and cleaning operations by 30 June to avoid waterlogging and flooding. Local MLAs Nitin Raut, Krishna Khopde, and Vikas Thakre raised similar concerns and urged for immediate cleaning of water bodies to prevent urban flooding. Responding to this, Bawankule directed the NMC to organise planning meetings with MLAs at the zone level within ten days to ensure effective coordination. The minister warned that any delay or negligence in pre-monsoon preparedness would not be tolerated and that accountability would be fixed for any lapses. With heavy rainfall expected soon, the directive aims to ensure that Nagpur is adequately prepared to avoid potential monsoon-related disruptions.

## Illegal sale of govt rice busted in Nagpur

### Stockpile worth Rs 14 lakh seized, case registered

**Nagpur 17 June:** Acting on a tip-off received around 9 pm on Monday, June 16, Nagpur Supply Department officials led by Circle Officer Sagar Suresh Bavare raided a tin shed opposite Shubh Kirana & General Store in the Taj Nagar-Tukdoji Putla area. During the inspection, they found that rice was being loaded into an Eicher truck bearing registration number MH 40 CM 0235. Officials summoned panch witnesses before proceeding with further action. When questioned, workers loading the rice claimed the stock belonged to Mohammad Wasim Mohammad Rafiq, who was temporarily away. Upon his arrival, Wasim was asked to present purchase documents and licenses for the approximately 200 rice sacks found in the shed and truck. He failed to provide any documentation, stating he would submit them later. Upon inspection, the rice was



found to contain fortified grains — the kind supplied by the government to enhance nutrition among public distribution beneficiaries. Suspecting misuse of government stock, the officials collected samples and seized the rice and the vehicle. A total of goods worth Rs 14 lakh were seized. Based on findings, a case has been registered at Ajni Police Station under Sections 3 and 7 of the Essential

Commodities Act, 1955. The operation was conducted under the guidance of Food Grain Distribution Officer Vinod Kale and executed by Circle Officer Sagar Suresh Bavare, Dipali Bansod, and Vaibhav Khairkar. The Supply Department has appealed to citizens to report any illegal sale or hoarding of government-supplied fortified rice, which is meant solely for nutritional distribution to eligible beneficiaries.

## Bomb threat forces emergency landing of Kochi-Delhi flight at Nagpur airport



**Nagpur 17 June:** An IndiGo Kochi-to-Delhi flight was forced to make an emergency landing at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport in Nagpur on Tuesday, June 16, after a bomb threat was reported mid-air. According to preliminary information, the airline authorities received a threat claiming that a bomb had been planted on the aircraft. Following standard protocol, the flight was diverted and landed safely at Nagpur Airport.

The Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS) immediately reached the spot and initiated a thorough search operation. All passengers were safely evacuated, and the aircraft was isolated for inspection. Airport security, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), and local police are currently on high alert and are investigating the source of the threat. Further details are awaited.

## Yash strikes thrice in NDFA Academy's big win

**Nagpur 17 June:** Ahuja netted the goals in the 5th, 18th and 30th minutes. He was well-supported by Ibrahim Sheikh (15th and 20th min), Arahm Parekh (42nd and 48th min), Amol Mukherjee (2nd min), Mohammad Arshad (8th min), Rehan Ansari (20th min) and Ojavit Gajbiye (36th min). In the second match, Sportian FA defeated Mahayouth 6-0. Saish Majumdar played an important role in the victory by scoring two goals in the 29th and 49th minutes. Mrudoo Tidke (20th min), Nishchey Hamedao (33rd min), Laxminishan Saphaleya (38th min) and Shridhan Katiyar (46th min) were other goal scorers. In another match, Central Railway Academy defeated Young Muslim Academy 1-0. Samyak Meshram scored an all-important goal in the



18th minute. Porwal Academy overcame Star Football Academy 1-0 thanks to Vansh who scored the winning goal in the 9th minute.

## Nagpur fire tragedies expose rampant violations in commercial hubs

**Nagpur 17 June:** A series of devastating fires in the densely populated Mahal-tiwari-Gandhibagh commercial zones has once again exposed the dangerous state of fire safety in Nagpur. The latest tragedy at Jaikamal Complex in Mahal claimed two lives and injured two others, reigniting concerns over illegal constructions and administrative negligence that continue to put lives and crores worth of property at risk. On Sunday, a residential flat turned into an illegal

godown caught fire due to welding work. The flames quickly spread due to the unauthorized storage of firecrackers and electrical goods. The blaze resulted in the deaths of flat owner Girish Khatri (37) and his employee Pratik Dhote, while a welder, Gunwant Serpurkar (45), sustained serious burns and is under observation at GMCH. Kotwali police have booked Khatri and his brother for causing death due to negligence. This fire is part of

a troubling pattern. In August 2024, a 17-year-old girl died in a blaze at a perfume godown in Itwari, and in May, a major fire broke out at Rohaldas Sons clothing store in Gandhibagh. That incident highlighted how rooftop structures illegally built over solar frames — with sealed tin sheds and no ventilation — are being misused as godowns, turning commercial spaces into firetraps. According to the Nagpur Municipal Corporation's Fire and

Emergency Department, the Mahal-tiwari-Gandhibagh markets have reported at least 72 fire incidents between 2019 and 2024. Many multi-storey commercial buildings lack no objection certificates (NOCs) from the fire department and are not equipped with basic firefighting equipment. Worse, several double up as godowns and homes — making them even more hazardous. The congested lanes, traffic chaos, and unregulated modifications to

heritage buildings make firefighting operations extremely challenging. While lives continue to be lost and businesses suffer repeated financial losses, there appears to be little proactive action from civic authorities. Experts and residents alike are now demanding an urgent city-wide safety audit, immediate crackdown on unauthorized constructions, and stricter enforcement of fire safety regulations before another disaster strikes.



## Thunderstorm shatters farmer's dreams in Savna

**Mahagaon 17 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** For Pandurang Sudhakar Vilayate, a young farmer from Savna village in Mahagaon taluka, June 11 will be remembered as the darkest day of his life. Last year, his father ended his life by jumping into a well, unable to bear the burden of mounting debt. After this tragic incident, Pandurang took on the responsibility of supporting his family and resolving their financial crisis. Determined not to let his father's fate become his own, Pandurang embraced modern agricultural methods. He installed a drip irrigation system in his farm and planted 3,000 tissue-cultured banana saplings over three acres of land. With dreams of repaying debts and securing a better future for his family, Pandurang, along with his family members, poured heart and soul into the banana plantation. His efforts began to bear fruit. The banana crop thrived, and good market prices promised financial



relief. For the first time in a long while, Pandurang smiled with hope. The day when the family's debt would be cleared seemed just around the corner. But nature had other plans. On June 11, a devastating cyclone struck, turning all of Pandurang's dreams into dust. Within moments, the thriving banana plantation was flattened. Years of struggle, hopes of a debt-free life, and the entire financial investment — all were destroyed in a single blow. The estimated loss is

between Rs 8 to Rs 10 lakh, and not even the initial investment can be recovered from the damaged crop. Overwhelmed with grief, Pandurang was seen weeping uncontrollably while surveying the ruined field. More than a week has passed, yet not a single government officer or public representative has visited the site. Even the subsidy for the drip irrigation system has only been partially disbursed. With no direction and no support, Pandurang now finds himself mentally shattered, unsure of

what to do next. He is pleading for help — any form of assistance that could help him get back on his feet. His emotional ordeal was shared with senior farmer Govindrao Deshmukh from Savna, who personally visited the farm, consoled Pandurang, and assured him of all possible help through government channels.

He also encouraged Pandurang to remain strong and resume farming with renewed determination. Govindrao Deshmukh has issued an appeal to social workers, non-profit organizations, and public representatives to come forward and support Pandurang in this critical time.

**I visited the farm myself and witnessed the extent of devastation. It is beyond words. Pandurang has suffered irreparable loss. I sincerely urge all citizens and social organizations to step forward and help him rebuild his life, said Govindrao Deshmukh, Savna resident.**

## Eight accused arrested for attempted murder in Umarchhed

Joint operation carried out by LCB Yavatmal and Umarchhed Police

**Yavatmal 17 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** In a significant breakthrough, a joint operation conducted by the Local Crime Branch (LCB) Yavatmal and Umarchhed Police led to the arrest of eight accused involved in an attempted murder case registered at Umarchhed Police Station. The incident occurred on June 8, 2025, when the complainant, Sheikh Arif Sheikh Nisar (24), a resident of the weekly market area in Umarchhed, and his brother were allegedly attacked by a group of armed individuals.

The main accused — 1) Sheikh Tamir Sheikh Sameer and 2) Mujju Shah Javed Shah — along with 8 to 10 unidentified accomplices, reportedly assaulted the victims with words and sticks in an attempt to kill them. Based on this, a case was registered at Umarchhed Police Station under IPC Sections 103(1), 189(2), 189(4), 191(2), 191(3), 190 (BNS), along with Section 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act and Sections 4 and 25 of the Indian Arms Act. Another FIR (No. 444/2025) was later registered on June 15 under



similar charges. Recognizing the gravity of the crime and the potential threat to law and order, Superintendent of Police Yavatmal, Mr. Kumar Chintha (IPS), instructed the officers of the LCB Yavatmal and Umarchhed Police Station to form two dedicated teams to apprehend the accused swiftly.

On June 17, acting on a tip-off that some of the suspects were hiding under a bridge along the Nagpur-Nanded Highway near Dhanaki, the joint teams swiftly moved into action. Demonstrating police coordination and tactical precision, they successfully apprehended seven of the accused from the location.

Subsequently, the eighth accused was detained from his residence.

**The arrested individuals have been identified as:**

1. Parvez Khan Salim Khan alias Lala (34),
2. Sheikh Tamir alias Sameer Sheikh (20),
3. Sheikh Azeem alias Ichoda Sheikh Pasha (24),
4. Sheikh Mubeen alias Munna Sheikh Rauf (25),
5. Sheikh Mujahid alias Mujju Shah Javed Ali Shah (27),
6. Syed Arif Syed Yusuf (22),
7. Fauzoddin alias Gausu Mujoddin Qazi (25),
8. Sheikh Mubeen alias Munna Sheikh Rauf (25) — all residents of Umarchhed and

surrounding areas. During interrogation, the accused reportedly confessed to their involvement in the crime. The entire operation was executed under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Yavatmal Kumar Chintha (IPS), Additional SP Piyush Jagtap (DySP), SDPO Hanuman Gaikwad, Inspector Satish Chavhan (LCB Yavatmal), Inspector Shankar Panchal (Umarchhed Police Station). Key personnel involved in the successful arrest operation included API Sheeraj Pansi, API Nilesh Dhadar, PSI Sharad Lohkare, PSI Sagar Ingle, along with police staff Munna Ade, Santosh Bhorge, Tejab Rankhamb, Subhash Jadhav, Kunal Mundokar, Ramesh Rathod, Sunil Pandagle, and Rajesh Jadhav of the LCB. The Umarchhed Police team included officers Madhukar Pawar, Sangshil Tembhre, Prafulla Bhuse, and Nivritti Mahalanar. Authorities praised the coordinated effort and swift response, which helped prevent potential escalation of violence in the area.

## Former MP Kirit Somaiya takes stock of bogus birth records



Tehsil offices and demanded that the district administration take immediate action.

In this regard, he visited the District Collector's office at 11.30 am on Monday and discussed with the District Collector.

On this occasion, BJP District President Adv. Praful Chauhan, General Secretary Raju Padgilwar, former District President Vijay Kotecha, BJP City President Suraj Gupta, Shantanu Shete, Jugal Tiwari, City General Secretary Bharat Brahmanekar, Prashant Deshmukh, Abhishek Shrivastava, Swapnil Ulangwar and other BJP office bearers were present.

**YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST:** Bogus birth records have been made in the district. Former MP and BJP leader Kirit Somaiya reviewed this in the office of District Collector Vikas Meena on Monday, June 16. He demanded that action be taken against them if bogus birth records are found. In this regard, former MP Kirit Somaiya had earlier reviewed the Pusad and Yavatmal

## Tulshiram Jadhav passes away



**Pusad 17 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Tulshiram M. Jadhav (57), a senior clerk at the Public Works Department and a resident of Shikshak Colony, Banjara Colony, Pusad, passed away due to a heart attack. He is survived by his wife Uma alias Chhaya, son Viraj, daughter Rutuja, and a large extended family. His last rites will be performed at his native place, Daheli Tanda (Tal. Mahur, Dist. Nanded), tomorrow (June 18) at 9 AM.

## Notorious cattle thief Mohammad Roshan Sheikh Musa detained under MPDA for 1 year

**Akola 17 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** In a major crackdown on habitual offenders, the Akola police have detained a notorious cattle thief and history-sheeter, Mohammad Roshan Sheikh Musa (21), under the Maharashtra Prevention of Dangerous Activities (MPDA) Act for one year. A resident of Kaggipura Masjid, Machhi Market, Akola, Roshan Sheikh has been involved in several serious crimes in the past, including cattle theft, causing grievous hurt, destruction of evidence, theft, cruelty towards animals, illegal possession of arms and weapons, conspiracy, violation of externment orders, creating public disorder, criminal intimidation, and more.

Despite multiple preventive actions and his previous externment from the Akola district, Sheikh continued his criminal activities. As a result, the Superintendent of Police, Akola, Mr. Archit Chandak, submitted a proposal to detain the accused under the MPDA Act. After verifying the legal provisions and receiving confidential intelligence, District Magistrate Mr. Ajit Kumbhar confirmed that the accused posed a significant threat to public safety. Consequently, an order was passed on May 6, 2025, to detain him in the Akola District Jail for a period of one year. After learning about the detention order, Sheikh absconded. However, he was apprehended on June 17, 2025, and the detention order



was executed, officially beginning his one-year custody term from the date of his arrest. The action was carried out under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Archit Chandak, with the efforts of Additional SP Abhay Dongre, Sub-

Divisional Police Officer Satish Kulkarni, and the Local Crime Branch team led by Inspector Shankar Shelke. The operational team included PSI Majid Pathan, police constables Dnyaneshwar Sairise, Uday Ishwariprasad Shukla, as well

as Ramdas Peth Police Station personnel including PI Manoj Bahure, Shirish Khandare, constables Sheikh Hasan, Shyam Mohale, and Madhuri Hingankar. Superintendent Chandak warned that strict legal action, including MPDA and other prevailing laws, will be taken against habitual offenders who defy law and order, especially during the upcoming Zilla Parishad, Municipal elections, and festive season, to ensure peace and public safety in the district.

## Medicinal plant workshop conducted successfully at Wadsa, Gadchiroli

**Wardha/Gadchiroli 17 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** To mark World Environment Day, a community-oriented Medicinal Plant Workshop was successfully conducted at the DFO Office, Wadsa, in Gadchiroli district. The event was organized collaboratively by Bajaj College of Science, Wardha, Rajiv Gandhi Science and Technology Commission (RGSTC), Agharkar Research Institute (Pune), and Arogya Prabodhini Sanstha, Wadsa. The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from local Vaidus (traditional healers), women farmers, and tribal communities across Gadchiroli. The objective was to promote awareness about medicinal plant cultivation, biodiversity conservation, and the preservation of traditional healthcare knowledge. The program was inaugurated with an eco-conscious gesture — watering of saplings such as Banyan, Pipal, and Varun trees — and dignitaries were welcomed with Tulsi plants, symbolizing harmony with nature. Participants took a pledge to protect and promote the environment, reinforcing the theme of World Environment Day. Dr. Suryaprakash Gabhane, President of



Arogya Prabodhini, played a pivotal role in mobilizing Vaidus and tribal communities. Shri Varunkumar, Forest Officer, provided the venue and logistic support, while Shri Survanshi, Senior Forest Officer, formally inaugurated the session. In his keynote address, he urged the community to participate in the People's Biodiversity Register and encouraged the cultivation of medicinal plants to strengthen local biodiversity and livelihoods. Dr. Archana Gabhane detailed the impactful work of Arogya Prabodhini in child welfare, traditional healer support, and documentation of indigenous medicinal knowledge. The technical session, led by Dr. Dhiraj D. Naik, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Bajaj College of Science, focused

on 'Medicinal Plants and Their Cultivation.'

Speaking in Marathi, Dr. Naik explained the benefits and techniques of medicinal plant farming. His interactive session inspired many Vaidus to take up cultivation initiatives.

Following the workshop, Dr. Naik guided participants in 'field identification of suitable sites' and discussed intercropping models with crops like paddy. Plants such as Adulsa, Varun, and Guggul were highlighted for their compatibility with the local environment. All attendees, including Vaidus and women farmers, were gifted live medicinal plant saplings during the Workshop to encourage home-based herbal cultivation. Ph.D. scholars Shri Mohan Awache and Miss Priyanka Awachate from

Bajaj College of Science also shared practical tips and answered cultivation-related queries from the participants. The event concluded with Dr. Gabhane's motivational message on launching a community-led herbal cultivation movement in tribal regions.

The Principal of Bajaj College of Science, Dr. P. V. Tekade, applauded the initiative and encouraged future outreach programs. Dr. Naik expressed gratitude to 'RGSTC' and 'Agharkar Research Institute' for their technical and financial support.

The workshop successfully blended traditional knowledge with modern scientific insights, setting a positive precedent for environmental action and herbal conservation in tribal areas.

## Much awaited stream deepening & straightening works begin in Pusad taluka

**Pusad 17 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** After months of persistent efforts, nala (stream) deepening and straightening works have finally commenced in several villages of Pusad taluka. This development marks a partial but significant victory for local farmers who had suffered severe crop damage due to last year's heavy floods. Approximately nine months ago, extreme rainfall caused major damage to agricultural land situated along the banks of various nalas in the taluka. Despite repeated attempts to draw the government's attention to the issue, no concrete action was taken. Frustrated by inaction, leaders of the Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar faction), along with affected farmers, had recently warned of an agitation during a press conference held 15 days ago. Responding to this pressure, the administration has now initiated the long-awaited nala deepening and straightening operations. "Although delayed, this development is a testament to the farmers' united struggle," said Sharad Maind, State General Secretary of the NCP (Sharad Pawar), in a statement to the Nagpur Post. The villages affected include Sandwa, Mandwa, Bori (M), Borgadi, Bori, and Kopra, where last year's floods had caused extensive damage to nearby farmlands, leaving many farmers in distress. Since then, Sharad Maind has led a continuous campaign involving several protests, demanding deepening and widening of nalas and the construction of flood-protection walls. Former MP and current MLA Bhavana Gawli facilitated two meetings between the farmers and then Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. During these meetings,



the Chief Minister had instructed the then District Collector to take prompt action. However, due to the upcoming Assembly elections, the work was delayed, and even after the elections, the matter remained neglected. On June 1, 2025, Sharad Maind once again raised the issue during a press conference and warned of launching an agitation. Media coverage of the issue compelled the administration to act, and the work finally began. On-site inspections of the work in progress were conducted today, during which several community leaders and farmers were present. The delegation included Sarpanch Vitthal Dhakre, Dnyaneshwar Ubale, Adv. Balaji Kapate, Eknath Pulate, Mahadev Dolas, Kailas Abale, Shankar Dhad, Kailas More, Maroti More, Dipa Rathod, Khandu Maharaj Sandavkar, Sanju Patil, Deepak Taiwade, Dnyaneshwar Dhad, Anil Boke, Bhavrao More, Dnyaneshwar Zhade, Dipa Chavan, Bhavrao Sandavkar, Prakash Dhole, Keshav Chirmode, Subhash Bhise, Kailas Zhade, Aniket More, Vijesh Boke, Sambha Pandit, Khandu Dhakre, Tejas Sandavkar, Pradeep Boke, Narhari Sandavkar, Namdev Malghane, Premdas Rathod, Ramesh Ghukse,

Vijay Ade, Deorao Pulate, Raju Mandade, Vijay Rathod, Sahebrao Dhole, Shankar Chavan, Devidas Wankhede, Jambuvant Chirmade, Kaniram Chavan, Dattarao Pulate, Police Patil Bhavrao Abale, Sahebrao Rathod, Ganesh Chavan, Ramesh Ghukse, Ramesh Dhole, Vishal Ade, Balu Dhad, Ukanda Mandade, Janardhan Tekade, Gajanan Dakhore, Madan Mandade, Datta Mohite, and Bori farmers such as Nanarao Kharat, Balaji Kharat, Baban Kamble, Gajanan Gadekar, Avdhut Khairmade, Sheshrao Shikare, Ashok Kamble, Vishwas Babulkar, Vilas Kamble, Ashok Kamble, Prakash Shikare, Ganesh Karan, Pratap Kamble, Pandurang Pande, Manik Bendre, Rahul Kamble, Adesh Kamble, Eknath Pulate, Sahebrao Thenge, Nana Jalgaonkar, Parneshwar Jaiswal, and Narendra Khambare, among others.

**Fear of incomplete work put forth**

While the commencement of work is being welcomed, concerns have been raised about the timing. "Such work should ideally be carried out during summer. Starting it in the monsoon raises fears that it might be abandoned midway due to rain. It must not turn into a mere show of action," warned Sharad Maind.

## MHT CET 2025: PW's Shreya Sunjay Pandey Scores 99.99 Percentile

### Over 50 Others Secure Above 98 Percentile

**Amravati 17 June:** Physics Wallah (PW) has announced its MHT CET 2025 results, with over 50 of its Maharashtra Board students securing over 98 percentile in the PCM stream. The top-performing students include Shreya Sunjay Pandey (99.99 Percentile), Nirbhay Dilip Lahode (99.81 Percentile), and Sukalp Raut (99.61 Percentile). These students prepared using resources from PW's YouTube channel PW Maharashtra, which offers concise concept-based learning and revision through formats like One Shot videos. "I didn't

want to compromise on concept clarity," said Shreya, one of the top scorers. "That's why I opted for PW. I could revisit lectures, solve doubts instantly, and plan my study schedule around school hours. It gave me the confidence to tackle even the most difficult subjects head-on." Alakh Pandey, Educator, Founder and CEO of Physics Wallah, said, "Congratulations to every student who appeared for MHT CET 2025. I've always believed that success isn't just about marks, it's about consistency, honesty, and effort. Seeing so many of you excel, especially

with the help of platforms like our PW Maharashtra YouTube channel, makes me incredibly proud. At PW, we try to support your journey no matter your starting point or preferred way of learning. And if things didn't go as planned for some of you, don't lose heart. Your story is still unfolding." Physics Wallah is trying to provide access to education for students preparing for competitive exams like MHT CET. [With features such as a dedicated doubt-solving engine, daily practice tests with video solutions, personalised study plans, and a vast content library, PW tries to support every learner's unique academic journey. This year, over 4.2 lakh students appeared for the MHT CET 2025 exam.

## World Blood Donor Day observed at Amravati Post Office

**Amravati 16 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A blood donation camp was organized at the Main Post Office, Amravati, on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day.

Senior Postmaster Sujit Kumar Landge led the initiative in collaboration with the District General

Hospital and the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

A total of 22 units were collected.

Donors were honored with certificates and bouquets.

The initiative aimed to promote awareness and save lives through voluntary blood donation.