

## BULLS EYE

### Forest Scholar's demise

The life journey of Maruti Chittampalli, who had a place in the heart of the forest, has come to an end. After completing his education, he devoted his life to the care and service of the forest and the environment. Forest scholar Maruti Chittampalli's life came to an end yesterday. What must have been the last words of this forest scholar before her death, 'All my wishes have been fulfilled, now allow me to go'. His close nephew Srinivas Chittampalli felt these words as a shock. Maruti Chittampalli spent almost his entire life in Vidarbha. He came to Vidarbha as part of a government job and became the adopted son of the forests of Vidarbha. He had a close relationship with the forests here. His wife and one of his daughters were the only relatives in his family. His wife died prematurely and his daughter did not get married to serve her father. Unfortunately, his daughter, who cared for him, also died prematurely due to a minor illness. He had lived in Nagpur till he was a girl. While living in this city, he wrote 25 books on environment and forests. He wrote a bird encyclopedia. The work on the wild animal encyclopedia has also been completed. He was working on the fish encyclopedia. He had said that the code of the tree encyclopedia was completed. This means that this forest yogi was not only contemplating the forest. But each of his books would be scholarly and complete in all respects. He used to pay close attention to this too. The literature he has created. When we look at it, in the future, was there one writer named Maruti Chittampalli or were there many writers. Such a question may arise. It is a great pity that the department to which he served his entire life. The forest department did not fulfill the necessary requirements while giving him the Padma Shri. It is a matter of great regret. He received the Padma Shri from the hands of the President. That is when his health was not good. Even after serving the forest for 36 years, he remained in the forest for 29 years. His nephew Shrikant took him to Delhi. Even then, his health was very poor. Finally, when he returned to Solapur, his health deteriorated further. This Aranya Rishi, who was absorbed in reading and writing till the end, asked his nephew for permission to leave before ending his earthly journey and he left. He was given many prestigious awards by various institutions including the state government. Bharati Vidyapeeth's Jeevan Sadhana Award, Nagpur's very important Nag Bhushan Award, MP ND Patil Samaj Sevak Award, Excellent Literary Production Award for the book Ranawata, Bhairu Ratan Damani Literary Award, Vinda Karandikar Lifetime Achievement Award and many other awards. Maruti Chittampalli was honored not only by many people but also by his own awards. If I had to list all the awards, there would not be enough space. The creation of Kosh Vangmayaby him is the wealth of words he gave to the Marathi language. The Marathi names he gave to various beasts, birds, different animals and the diverse fauna are evident in his writings. He mesmerized the readers with his fine writings on the culture of the wildlife tribes and their natural life, the secrets of the creation owned by the tribes. This forest knowledge sage learned the languages of the tribes in every area he went to. This multilingual knowledge-seeking writing testifies to his erudition. While serving in the forest department, he wrote tirelessly for the growth of the Marathi language. A job in the forest department is said to be the highway to wealth. However, this forest sage increased the wealth of the Marathi language. Gonidaan i.e. GN Dandekar was a great forest-loving writer. Dandekar inspired him. Vidwatta Ratna Narhar Kurundkar, Pakshimitra Doctor Salim, Satyakathakar Ram Patwardhan and top storyteller GA i.e. G. A. Kulkarni and many others encouraged him. Madhavrao Patil-Dongarwar of Navegaon Bandh, who was a forest lover, was his closest friend. Chittampalli used to come to Madhavrao's palace with his family frequently. It was here that he had created a bird aviary. In his life, he made close friends with many tribal youths. It was here that he wrote many books, which was located at Navegaon Dam. This part of Gondia district was always bustling with the chirping of various birds. When the tribals who hunted every day came to his company shared their goodwill with Maruti Chittampalli. From this, one can easily imagine the mutual relationship between him and the tribals. Everyone had an affinity for this forest-related scholar. In this way, the great writer who enriched the Marathi language had to leave Nagpur only because of loneliness. This is a matter of great sorrow. Five years ago, he left for his hometown Solapur and yesterday, Maruti Chittampalli, who lived a very contented life, merged with nature. We mourn with tears in our eyes the passing away of this forest scholar who enriched his scholarly literature and the vocabulary of the Marathi language!

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## Defence Ministry sets up panel to review Defence Acquisition Procedure

**New Delhi, June 19 (UNI)** The Ministry of Defence has constituted a committee headed by the Director General (Acquisition) to conduct a comprehensive review of the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020, with the aim of aligning it with the evolving requirements of the armed forces. The Defence Ministry on Thursday said that the review has been initiated in view of the declaration of the year 2025 as the 'Year of Reforms.' The objective is also to ensure greater synergy with the government's existing policies and initiatives. Former IAS officer Apurva Chandra, who had previously served as Director General (Acquisition), has been appointed as the Principal Advisor to the Committee. The committee includes senior officers from the Defence Ministry, representatives from the Defence Industry and academia. The panel has already begun consultations and invited suggestions from stakeholders by July 5. The Ministry said that the aim is to meet operational requirements and modernisation of the Armed Forces in a timely manner to ensure national security. Additionally, the effort aims to align acquisition procedures with the government's policies and initiatives. This will help promote Aatmanirbharta (self-reliance) by promoting technology infusion through indigenously designed and developed systems.

## 9 Killed in road mishap in Jejuri

### PMO announces Rs 2 lakh ex-gratia

**Pune, June 19 (UNI)** Nine people, including two children, were killed and six others were injured in a collision between a speeding car and a stationary pick-up truck on the Jejuri-Morgaon Road in Pune district, said police today. The accident took place last night when a speeding car hit a tempo on the Jejuri-Morgaon road. Four of the injured are in critical condition, said police. The Prime Minister's Office expressed condolences on the accident, posting on X: "Deeply saddened by the loss of lives due to a road accident on the Jejuri-Morgaon road in Pune, Maharashtra. Condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. May the injured recover soon." The PMO announced an ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh from the PM's Relief Fund to the next of kin of each deceased. The injured would be given Rs. 50,000 each. According to Pune Rural Police, a



pickup tempo had stopped near Shriram Dhaba near Kirloskar Company on the Jejuri-Morgaon road. The work of unloading goods from the tempo was in progress. Two men were unloading the goods. At the time, a speeding car going from Pune to

Morgaon hit the tempo, resulting in the death of nine persons, including two children and a woman. The dhaba operator and workers informed the police about the accident. The injured were immediately admitted to a private hospital, police said.

## Kharge lauds Rahul's dedication to constitutional values, justice

**New Delhi, June 19 (UNI)** Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday extended birthday wishes to leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on his 55th birthday, praising his unequivocal dedication to the Constitution and his relentless advocacy for justice. In a post on social media handle X, Kharge said, "Warmest birthday greetings to Shri Rahul Gandhi. What sets you apart is your unequivocal dedication to the Constitution's values and your deep compassion for social, political and economic justice for the millions whose voices often go unheard." "Your actions consistently reflect the Congress party's ideology of unity in diversity, harmony, and compassion. As you



continue your mission to bring truth to power and support the last person standing, I wish you a long, healthy, and happy life ahead," Kharge said. Meanwhile, the Congress party on X extended greetings to Rahul Gandhi with a poster mentioning him as "Jannayak".

## Air India announces reduction in international flights

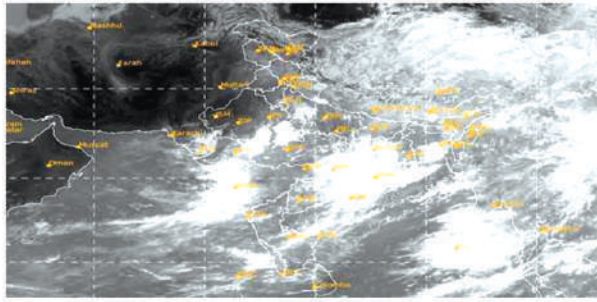
**Mumbai, June 19 (UNI)** Air India announced that it is reducing international flights on widebody aircraft by 15 per cent "until at least mid-July", officials said on Thursday. The airline operates about 70 international flights daily on its widebody fleet. Multiple factors, including airspace closures of many countries, have increased flying time and from the west and enhanced checks on Boeing 787s since Al 171 crash last Thursday have reduced twin-aisle availability. In a statement issued late in the



evening on Wednesday, the Tata Group-owned airline said there have been disruptions due to the geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, night curfew in airspaces of many countries in Europe and East Asia, and there are ongoing enhanced safety inspections.

## Monsoon intensifies over Maha as IMD issues heavy rain alert

**Pune, June 19 (UNI)** The monsoon intensified over Maharashtra with India Meteorological Department issuing heavy rain alert on Thursday, forcing the authorities to declare holidays in schools of Raigad district. Heavy rains, accompanied by gusty winds, lashed Mumbai, Thane, Palghar, Raigad, Pune and Navi Mumbai areas on Thursday. The IMD said the monsoon will remain active in the state for the next four days. Due to the effect of cyclonic winds in various parts of the state and the active monsoon, rains are expected in Konkan, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada



and Vidarbha regions and Palghar, Thane, Raigad, Pune and Ratnagiri in Konkan district. Heavy rains have been lashing Pune for two days, leaving the residents in a state of panic. Sewer water has entered some housing societies in the city, forcing residents to

complain to the civic agencies about the lack of measures to keep the areas safe and clean. Meanwhile, an orange alert has been issued for Mumbai with IMD announcing heavy to very heavy rains. The Mumbai RMC has upgraded the yellow alert to orange alert.

## India's Covid cases below 6k; 3 deaths in past 24 hrs

**New Delhi, June 19 (UNI)** India's active Covid-19 caseload fell to 5,976 marking the fourth straight day of decline, down from 6,483 the previous day, according to data from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. In the last 24 hours, three Covid-related deaths were reported—two from Delhi and one from Kerala. All three individuals were elderly and had pre-existing chronic health conditions like kidney disease and acute rheumatoid arthritis. The overall national trend remains encouraging.

## PM Modi lauds Divya for her win over World No. 1 Hou Yifan

**Nagpur 19 June:** Representing Hexamind Chess Club, the 18-year-old Indian talent faced off against the Chinese powerhouse, who was playing for the WR Chess Team. In an electrifying 74-move encounter, Divya outsmarted Yifan, who made a crucial error by losing her bishop in a theoretically drawn rook vs. bishop endgame. In the blitz format, Divya secured six wins, one draw, and only one loss out of eight games, achieving an impressive performance rating of 2606. She subsequently excelled in the third-place playoff, leading her team to a 3.5–2.5 victory over Uzbekistan in both rounds to clinch the team bronze medal. Following her triumph, union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya also commended Divya on her stunning victory over the World No. 1, "Heartiest congratulations to our chess star Divya Deshmukh on her stunning win over world No. 1 Hou Yifan in the 2nd leg of the Blitz semifinal



at the World Team Blitz Championships in London. Wishing you the very best for the future games," he posted on X. Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnis has also congratulated Divya. In his post on 'X' he wrote "Congratulations to our very own Divya Deshmukh from Nagpur, Maharashtra! What an extraordinary moment as she defeats World No. 1 Hou Yifan in the Blitz Semifinals, London 2025. Her fearless moves, sharp focus, and unshakable determination have not only secured a historic".

## Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy unveiled for England-India Test Series

**Leeds, June 19 (UNI)** England and India greats James Anderson and Sachin Tendulkar have been honoured with a newly named trophy – the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy – which will be contested in future Test series between the two nations. The England and Wales Board (ECB) unveiled the new trophy, which features the imagery of both Tendulkar and Anderson and also has their signatures engraved on it as a tribute to the two stalwarts. The two greats were present to mark the occasion ahead of the upcoming five-Test series between the two sides starting on Friday. The Pataudi family, after whom the previous Pataudi Trophy was named, will continue to be honoured through the introduction of the Pataudi Medal, a new accolade that will be awarded to the winning captain of the series. Anderson,



who represented England in 188 Test matches, claimed a whopping 704 wickets in the longest format – the third-highest in the format – before bringing the curtains down on his career last year after a five-Test series in India last year. The masterful seamer brought his best

intensity and unforgettable moments," he said. "To be recognised in this way is a real honour. I'm looking forward to seeing the next chapter unfold in England this summer. It promises to be compelling, competitive cricket – exactly what you'd expect from two great sides.

## PM Modi meets Croatian PM Plenkovic



**New Delhi, June 19 (UNI)** Prime Minister Narendra Modi thanked Croatian PM Andrej Plenkovic for his gift of a reprint of the first Sanskrit grammar book written in Latin in 1790 by a Croatian scientist and missionary Filip Vezdin, terming it a remarkable symbol of the enduring intellectual and cultural bonds between the two nations. In a post on X, the PM said: "Thank you, Prime Minister Plenkovic. This is indeed a remarkable symbol of the enduring intellectual and cultural bonds between

India and Croatia! May these bonds get even stronger in the times to come." He was replying to a post by the Croatian PM Plenkovic, who wrote on X: "I presented to the Indian Prime Minister @PMOIndia @narendramodi a reprint of Vezdin's Sanskrit Grammar – the first printed Sanskrit grammar, written in Latin in 1790 by Croatian scientist and missionary Filip Vezdin (1748–1806), based on the knowledge he gained while living in India from Kerala Brahmins and local manuscripts.

## RIGHTFUL HOME...



A public welfare centric decision has been taken by CM Devendra Fadnis to provide rental leases to slum dwellers who have been living in Nagpur city for many years. The scheme has become a good governance model for regimes elsewhere too. As many as 426 slum dwellers have been provided with their rightful homes.

## BJP leader Narayan Rane slams Uddhav, wishes Shinde on Shiv Sena anniversary

**Mumbai, Jun 19 (UNI)** BJP leader Narayan Rane on Thursday criticised Shiv Sena (UBT) Chief Uddhav Thackeray on the occasion of the party's anniversary while extending his wishes to Eknath



Shinde. Acknowledging his growth under the mentorship of Balasaheb Thackeray, Rane said, "I agree that I grew up because of Balasaheb Thackeray and that is why Balasaheb was my Guru and everything." However, he claimed that the original Shiv Sena had legally gone to Eknath Shinde. Rane questioned the legitimacy of Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena, saying, "His shop is closed." He alleged that Uddhav Thackeray had compromised on Balasaheb's Hindutva ideology for power and money. Rane congratulated Eknath Shinde, wishing him well as the Deputy Chief Minister, former Chief Minister, and Shiv Sena chief, on the anniversary.



# Swimming pools should have clean and disinfected water

It is everyone's responsibility to prevent contamination

**Nagpur 19 June:** Swimming pools are very important from the health point of view.

They are also used for recreational activities in high school and university settings, and for competitive athletics such as swimming teams. Many pools are also located in hotels, farms, and some institutional communities provide pools for their members. Swimming pools typically use chlorinated water or salt water, but the highly contagious parasites *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* are highly resistant to chlorine. Jamaat-e-Islami Hind Nagpur media in-charge Dr M A Rasheed believes that proper disinfection, maintenance and cleanliness of pools should be given due attention. In this, first of all, preventing germs from entering the water is very important. The swimming pool water will not be infected by any type of virus (such as hepatitis A and norovirus), bacteria (Shigella species; E. coli), parasites (cryptosporidium and giardia), etc. Strong odor in some pools indicates that a lot of dirt (which includes urine and



sweat) is entering the pool.

Many germs in swimming pool water are spread from person to person through feces, which is possible when people swallow "fecal water". According to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, on average, about 0.14 grams of "feces" flow through people's skin into the water. Contaminated water can also be swallowed by a swimmer.

Unfortunately, swallowing contaminated water can lead to many symptoms including diarrhea, swelling, fever, nausea and vomiting, or fungal infections can put people in trouble. Therefore, such guidelines regarding water hygiene should be displayed on an information board at all swimming pools. The health department of the Municipal Corporation should also pay attention to this. Regarding the hygiene of swimming pools, we all should take the responsibility of keeping the pool free of germs and take some sensible steps like no one should swim in the pool, vomit, urinate or defecate there and neither sneeze nor spit in it. There should be a separate swimming area especially for babies and small children so that others can avoid getting infected by the substances or objects excreted by them and such pools should be emptied and filled with clean water.

## No re-encroachments found along Nag River

HC apprised of prevailing situation by civic body

**Nagpur 19 June:** The Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) on Thursday informed the high court that no fresh encroachments or unauthorised constructions were observed along the banks of Nag River, following a detailed zone-wise survey across the city.

In an affidavit submitted by superintending engineer Shweta Banerjee, the civic body informed the Nagpur bench of Bombay high court that the exercise was carried out on the court's direction to ascertain whether earlier cleared stretches were illegally occupied again.

"Earlier, 155 encroachments and unauthorised constructions were removed. Fresh inspections conducted by the concerned assistant commissioners across Zones 1 to 10 have not revealed any new or re-emerging encroachments," she stated.

The survey followed a directive in the court's May 6 order, instructing the civic body to inspect whether cleared spaces have once again become impediments to water flow in the river. The affidavit adds that all zonal offices were instructed, through an official communication on May 20, to conduct physical inspections.

The affidavit was submitted in PIL (No. 56/2023) filed by Ramgopal Bachuka and others through counsel Tushar Mandlekar seeking accountability for the flooding, and timely mitigation measures.

The NMC further reported progress in the river cleaning efforts, stating that out of the total 16.58km Nag River stretch under its jurisdiction, 16.17km has already been cleaned. "The remaining portion will be completed at the earliest," the affidavit noted, citing a June 17 report from the NMC superintending engineer (PWD).

The civic body further submitted that it has complied with another court directive—jointly inspecting the river along with irrigation department to identify any blockages.



A joint survey was conducted on June 10, covering the entire 17km stretch of the river. "Certain impediments to smooth flow were identified, and directives were issued on June 12 to remove them immediately. The action has since been carried out," Banerjee said.

Regarding the pending hydraulic modelling study of the river by Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS), the corporation confirmed that all requisite data was submitted by the irrigation department on May 15. The CWPRS acknowledged receipt on May 27 and started developing the mathematical model. "The CWPRS has requested that NMC and irrigation officials visit its Pune office during the modelling process for discussions. Officials will visit CWPRS as and when requested," Banerjee stated.

**Nag River Cleanup And Monitoring Progress:**

**Status of Encroachments:** No fresh or re-emerging encroachments found along the river. 155 earlier structures cleared across Zones 1 to 10

**River Cleaning:** 16.17km out of 16.58km under NMC jurisdiction cleaned. Remaining stretch to be cleared shortly

**Joint Inspections:** Conducted with irrigation department on June 10. Obstructions removed following June 12 directives. CWPRS Hydraulic Study: Irrigation dept submitted data on May 15. CWPRS began modelling after May 27. NMC and irrigation officials to coordinate with CWPRS during the process.

## CWPRS to complete Nag River hydraulic analysis by July end: Bidari to HC

**Nagpur 19 June:** Divisional commissioner Vijayalaxmi Bidari on Thursday informed the Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS) will require time till July 31 to complete the hydraulic study of the 17km Nag river stretch, citing delays in data submission and technical challenges. She added that all possible assistance is being extended to expedite the process.

In a detailed affidavit filed before Nagpur bench of Bombay High Court, the Commissioner acknowledged the deadline fixed by court—June 15—but explained the scientists from CWPRS conveyed their inability to complete work within stipulated time due to "large data and technical issues." She said she brought the court's expectations to the attention of CWPRS during High Power Committee meeting on May 14. "Though the data for the stretch was ready, irrigation department conveyed it was difficult to send it by email due to file's size and instead delivered it in physical form to CWPRS's Pune office," Bidari stated. She confirmed CWPRS has since begun



constructing the mathematical model of the river. A division bench comprising Justices Nitin Sambre and Sachin Deshmukh adjourned the hearing till July 2 after petitioner's counsel Tushar Mandlekar sought time to file a rejoinder to the affidavit of Bidari and NMC.

According to Bidari, CWPRS scientists have assured the hydraulic study will be completed by July 31. She also directed NMC and irrigation department to maintain close coordination with CWPRS and provide any required technical support or additional data without delay.

The commissioner emphasised monthly review meetings of High Power Committee are held, and all stakeholder agencies have been issued strict instructions to adhere to timelines. "Many works, which were simultaneously ongoing, stand completed and have been duly recorded in the minutes of meeting held on May 14 and June 10," she said.

She also confirmed that instructions have been given to officials from NMC and the Irrigation Department to visit CWPRS during the ongoing study to offer timely inputs and suggestions.

The commissioner said, "Being a senior officer of the division, I am conscious about my responsibility to handle the issue involved with utmost sincerity and commitment, being the chairman of High Power Committee."

## Central Railway completes doubling of one of the most challenging sections: Shindawane – Ambale of Pune – Miraj doubling project



**Nagpur 19 June:** Central Railway has successfully completed the doubling of the Shindawane–Ambale Ghat section, marking a major milestone in the ongoing Pune–Miraj doubling project. This 9.45 km stretch is widely regarded as the most challenging segment of the entire corridor due to its difficult terrain and complex engineering requirements. With this, the doubling of the important section of Pune–Satar is now complete. The Shindawane–Ambale section was commissioned following the inspection by the Commissioner of Railway Safety on 17.06.2025. With the completion of this section, a total of 258 km out of 279 km of the Pune–Miraj doubling project has now been commissioned.

The completion of Shindawane – Ambale section posed several engineering and logistical challenges:

- 1 tunnel measuring 140 metres in length
- A ruling gradient of 1 in 100, requiring meticulous alignment and construction planning
- 1 critical viaduct bridge

consisting of 13 spans of 30.5 metres each, with the tallest pier reaching 42 metres, completed within a single calendar year and designed for Long Welded Rail (LWVR) compliance

• 5 major viaduct bridges featuring piers and abutments up to 18.3 metres high, with PSC and composite girders

• 30 lakh cubic metres of earthwork in embankment, with the highest bank reaching 35 metres

• 20 lakh cubic metres of earthwork in cutting, with a maximum depth of 25 metres

• 23 minor bridges spread across the section

• 16 sharp curves, including one with a 6-degree curvature

Overcoming geographical constraints, high embankments, deep cuttings, and major bridge works, this section stands as a testament to Central Railway's commitment to timely and high-quality infrastructure execution. This doubling will help decongest the route, enhance punctuality, increase capacity, and facilitate the introduction of additional passenger and freight services.

## Daylight robbery in Nagpur: Rs 4.36 lakh looted at knife point

Trio including juvenile held within two hours



**Nagpur 19 June:** In a daring daylight bag-lifting incident, three youths — including a minor — looted Rs 4.36 lakh in cash from a company employee at knife point near Ambedkar Nagar's Kacchi Road in Wadi. The robbery took place around 1 pm on Tuesday, June 17, sending shockwaves through the local police department. Acting swiftly, Wadi Police apprehended all three accused within two hours of the crime. The victim, Vedprakash Lajpatprasad Shukla (31), a resident of Kalamna, works for Soham Corporation Pvt. Ltd. in MIDC.

He was on his way to deposit company funds into the bank and was carrying Rs 4,36,350 in cash on a two-wheeler (MH 49 BD 2860)

towards HDFC Bank, Wadi. As Shukla reached near the crematorium at Chandramani Chowk, Ambedkar Nagar, three individuals intercepted him and threatened him with a knife, forcibly snatching the cash bag.

Based on his complaint, Wadi Police registered an FIR under Sections 309(4) and 3(5) of the BNs and launched a swift investigation. The accused — Aryan Harish Walde (18), Ankit Siddharth Vaidya (20), both residents of Chandramani Chowk, and their juvenile accomplice — were traced and taken into custody within two hours of the incident.

Police are now investigating whether the trio is involved in any other similar offences in the city.

## Online test for Group-D recruitment in registrar and stamps department from July 1 to July 8

**Nagpur 19 June:** The online examination for the candidates eligible for the Group-D Peon's post will be held from July 1 and 8. The Registrar and Stamps Departments had published an advertisement for recruitment against 284 posts on April 22, 2025. The hall tickets for the eligible candidates will be posted on the registered email IDs by the

Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS).

No agency of middlemen has been appointed to conduct tests and interviews for the recruitment process. The Department has warned the applicants to be careful, if anyone claims to



influence them and extract money.

## Starbucks India clears air: Dolly Chaiwala not a brand ambassador

**Nagpur 19 June:** Starbucks India has cleared the air and confirmed that Dolly Chaiwala is not their brand ambassador. The company also said there is no partnership or collaboration with him. This clarification comes after a viral meme claimed that Dolly Chaiwala had officially become the face of Starbucks India. The fake poster fooled many people, especially his fans, into thinking the news was true. It spread quickly on social media, although it's still unclear who created it. For those who don't know, Dolly Chaiwala is a tea seller from Nagpur who became famous worldwide because of his unique way of making chai, which went viral on social

media. He even met former Microsoft CEO Bill Gates, who had a cup of chai with him during his visit to India last year.

TATA Starbucks has cleared the air about recent social media buzz by confirming that the brand has no official brand ambassador in India. In a statement posted on its official LinkedIn page, the company said, "We have noted recent social media posts suggesting that TATA Starbucks has appointed an official brand ambassador. We would like to clarify that TATA Starbucks does not have any official brand ambassadors in India." Dismissing any collaboration with Dolly Chaiwala, the statement

continued, "Specifically, we have not entered any collaboration with Dolly Chaiwala.

A meme, created independently by a third party, appears to have been misconstrued as a formal campaign.

TATA Starbucks is committed to communicating with accuracy and authenticity and we value the trust of our customers and communities."

Starbucks launched its first store in India in October 2012, through a joint venture with Tata Consumer Products.

This first store was located in Mumbai, and the brand now has more than 400 stores across India.

## Aranya Rishi' Maruti Chitampalli passes away at 93

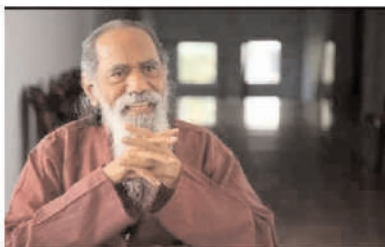
**Nagpur 19 June:** Maruti Bhujangrao Chitampalli, the legendary forest officer, naturalist, and Marathi writer who taught generations of Maharashtrians to read the forest like a sacred text, passed away on Wednesday, June 18, at the age of 93.

Although he spent his final years in Solapur, his soul remained rooted in the forests of Vidarbha, where he spent the most meaningful decades of his life.

Popularly known as 'Aranya Rishi' — the Forest Sage — Chitampalli was one of Maharashtra's finest nature writers and conservationists. His life was a seamless blend of scientific expertise, spiritual reflection, and literary brilliance. From Navegaon National Park to Nagzira and Karnala, his footprints are etched deep in the green heart of the state.

Born in 1932 near Solapur, Chitampalli's bond with nature began in childhood under the influence of his mother. After completing his training at the Forest College in Coimbatore in 1958, he joined the Maharashtra forest department. But it was in the forests of Vidarbha, particularly during his posting in the 1970s at Navegaon, that his true transformation began. "Vidarbha's forests enriched my life for 45 years," he would often recall.

After retiring as deputy chief conservator of forests in 1990, he



continued to live and write from a modest apartment in Nagpur, surrounded by books in Marathi, English, Sanskrit, and German. His home became a lighthouse for budding nature writers and conservation enthusiasts.

Chitampalli's literary legacy includes beloved classics like 'Pakshi Jaay Digantara', 'Janglach Den', and 'Ranwata' — books that opened up the secret world of birds, beasts, and trees to Marathi readers.

His 'Pakshi Kosh', 'Prani Kosh', and 'Vruksha Kosh' are pioneering reference works that combine tribal wisdom with ecological knowledge, significantly enriching Marathi's nature vocabulary.

He didn't just observe nature — he listened to it. He learned tribal dialects and recorded words and idioms that were fading from mainstream Marathi. His writing was not merely descriptive, but deeply evocative — capturing the stillness of a forest morning, the cry of a nesting bird, or the quiet dignity of a

sacred tree.

Chitampalli also played a key role in developing wildlife sanctuaries like Nagzira, Navegaon, and Karnala. He introduced terms such as 'Kaak Gaar' (rookery) and 'Dev Vriksha' (sacred trees), bringing ecological consciousness into cultural vocabulary.

Earlier this year, he was honoured with the Padma Shri for his contribution to literature and education. The recognition came during the first phase of Padma awards, which he received with humility — a crown that sat lightly on his head but weighed heavily in significance.

Despite his advancing age, he continued writing, reflecting, and advocating for diary-writing among forest officers. "Without diaries, how will anyone truly observe nature?" he would ask — a simple question that revealed his lifelong faith in firsthand experience and quiet reflection.

Chitampalli's passing marks the end of an era. For Nagpur and Vidarbha, he was not just a forest officer or writer — he was a mentor, a silent reformer, and a voice that taught the modern world how to reconnect with the ancient language of the woods.

His final rites will be held in Solapur, but his spirit, his stories, and his love for the forests will remain forever in Vidarbha — the vanbhumi that shaped and cherished its Aranya Rishi.

## From convicts to cultivators: Nagpur inmates cultivate Rs 79 lakh worth of crops behind bars

**Nagpur 19 June:** In a quiet corner of Nagpur's Central Jail, where barbed wires and concrete walls dominate the view, a different kind of transformation is taking place — not of stone and steel, but of soil and soul. Over the last three years, inmates here have turned 6.6 hectares of prison land into a thriving farm,

cultivating vegetables, fruits, and grains worth Rs 79.10 lakh as part of a larger rehabilitation initiative by the Maharashtra Prison Department. What began as a modest effort has now placed Nagpur among the top three prison farms in the state, following the likes of Pathan Open Prison (Rs 3.34 crore) and Nashik Central Jail (Rs 1.13 crore). But the story isn't just about numbers — it's about a system that believes in reform through responsibility. "This program is more than just cultivation. It's about giving inmates purpose, discipline, and dignity," said Vaibhav Aage, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Prisons and Superintendent of Nagpur Central Jail. "In Nagpur, inmates use a tractor, four pairs of bulls, and modern techniques under the guidance of Agriculture Supervisor Jitendra Khadse. The produce goes straight to our prison kitchen and is also sold, helping inmates earn wages." Nagpur's prisoners, most of whom hail from rural backgrounds, grow wheat, root vegetables, leafy greens,



and fruits. Some are even engaged in fisheries — a supplementary revenue stream within the jail. Statewide, the program spans 613 hectares of prison-owned land across 31 jails in Maharashtra. Out of this, 186 hectares are irrigated and 142 non-irrigated. Over 10,000 inmates have participated in farming, supported by 28 tractors and 112 bullocks. Since the program's intensified rollout three years ago, inmates across the state have collectively cultivated over Rs 13.24 crore worth of produce, with Rs 7.50 crore invested by the department — resulting in a net profit of Rs 5.74 crore. Aage credits the success to structured planning and skill-building. "We use quality seeds and fertilizers, and offer hands-on training. Even life-term convicts are allowed to work in open fields and receive sentence remissions. It's a win-win." With Maharashtra leading the country in prison-based agricultural activity, the initiative stands as a model for prison reform — turning punishment into purpose and confinement into contribution.

## Porwal drub Sankalp 5-0

**Nagpur 19 June:** Porwal dominated the proceedings right from the word go. In the very third minute, Vansh opened the scoring. Then in the seventh minute, Aown increased the lead 2-0. The third goal for Porwal came through Mohammad Ayanin in the 23rd minute.

Six minutes later Farhan Ansari found the net and made the equation 4-0. In the 41 st minute, Mahudi once again found the net and sealed the fate of opponents. In the second match, Nobel Sports Academy and Lashmaribagh Academy played out a goalless draw.



Amravati, Friday 20 June 2025

# Substandard road construction sparks public outrage in Jagapur village

- \* Villagers demand stern action against contractor
- \* Warn of staging agitation if no inquiry is conducted

**Pusad 19 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** In Jagapur village of Pusad taluka, severe allegations have been raised against the poor quality of road construction under the Chief Minister's Rural Road Scheme. The village Gram Panchayat officials, members of the Dispute-Free Village Committee, and local residents have exposed the shoddy work carried out on the 2.7 km stretch of road and are demanding a thorough investigation. Villagers have warned of launching an agitation if the contractor is not held accountable. The road work was executed under the supervision of the Executive Engineer, Maharashtra Rural Road Development Agency (MRRDA), Yavatmal, as part of the Chief Minister's Gram Sadak Yojana. The construction was completed approximately a month ago by B.K. Constructions, a firm



based in Pusad. The road, which had remained riddled with potholes for several years, was finally taken up for repair after repeated follow-ups by the villagers. However, locals allege that the contractor used substandard materials—spreading gravel and applying only a minimal amount of tar in a single layer. As a result, the road began to

deteriorate even before the onset of monsoon. Craters and potholes have reappeared due to inadequate construction. During a Gram Sabha meeting, residents of Jagapur passed a resolution condemning the poor workmanship. Women Sarpanch Prajakta Sambha Mane, along with other

panchayat members, villagers, and farmers living along the road, demonstrated how the tar layer could be peeled off by hand, clearly exposing the inferior quality of the roadwork.

Key figures such as Village Committee President Vilasrao Wankhede, former Police Patil Vasantrao Deshmukh, Panchayat Members Samadhan Mathane and Arvind Deshmukh joined locals in demanding an official inquiry into the construction. They have further stated that if the road is not reconstructed as per the sanctioned estimate, a protest will be staged outside the District Collector's office.

## Signboard Details Reveal Discrepancies

A board installed at the construction site by the contractor mentions the total length of the road as 2.700 km and the project cost as Rs 160.38 lakh. The work

commenced on February 13, 2024, with a scheduled completion date of February 12, 2025—indicating a 12-month project timeline. Furthermore, the board states that the contractor is responsible for maintenance and repairs for five years, with a separate budget of Rs 13.84 lakh for the same. It also claims that five small bridges were included in the project. However, villagers allege that the road was shown as completed on paper within just four months and suspect that the contractor has already withdrawn the full payment from the government. This discrepancy has raised serious concerns and calls for an immediate, transparent investigation. Residents are urging the administration to take strict action against the contractor and ensure that public funds are not misused in the name of rural development.

## Bank of Baroda conducts cleanliness drive at Chhatra Lake

**Amravati 19 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** The Regional Office of Bank of Baroda, Amravati, celebrated World Environment Day with a cleanliness initiative under the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution." The event took place at the Chhatra Lake area, where bank employees and officers participated in a major clean-up drive. Under the guidance of Regional Manager Rajesh Kumar, the team collected and disposed of plastic waste, empty water bottles, wrappers, polythene bags, and other litter from the vicinity. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about environmental protection and the harmful effects of plastic pollution. Deputy Regional Manager Sanjeev Srivastava was also present on the occasion. Participants diligently gathered waste and



deposited it into designated containers, demonstrating their commitment to cleanliness and environmental sustainability. Speaking on the occasion, Regional Manager Rajesh Kumar emphasized the importance of cleanliness and environmental responsibility. "Maintaining cleanliness is our moral duty, and caring for the

environment is the need of the hour. Pollution and litter disrupt the ecological balance and lead to environmental degradation. It is our collective responsibility to keep our surroundings clean," he stated. The Bank of Baroda's Amravati Regional Office continues to lead by example in promoting environmental awareness and civic responsibility.

# Tehsildar's crackdown on illegal sand and gravel mining in Dhamangaon Railway Taluka

## 4 Major actions in 8 days creates panic among smugglers

**Amravati 19 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** In a bold and relentless campaign against illegal sand and gravel excavation in the Dhamangaon Railway taluka, Tehsildar Abhay Ghorpade has taken decisive action that has shaken the mining mafia. Under his leadership, a special flying squad has launched four major operations in just eight days, seizing vehicles involved in illegal transportation and imposing fines. The crackdown has sent shockwaves among smugglers, firmly establishing the presence of law enforcement in the region.

## First Action – June 12, Talegaon Dashasar

At 5:30 p.m., the flying squad intercepted a tractor (MH 29 AK 1320) near the weekly market in Talegaon Dashasar. The driver, Anand Surjuse from Talegaon Dashasar, failed to produce any valid permit. The tractor was found transporting approximately one brass of illegally excavated sand from the Bembla riverbed. A formal report was filed, and the vehicle was seized and brought to the Tehsil office.

## Second Action – June 15, Mangrul Dastgir Chowli

Early in the morning at 5:15 a.m., a tractor (MH 27 DL 4579) carrying gravel was caught. The driver, Sudhir Mahadev Shilam of Juna Dhamangaon, had no legal authorization for the transportation. The vehicle, owned by Rahul Gawande,

was transporting about one brass of gravel. It was seized and brought to the Tehsil office.

## Third Action – June 15, Juna Dhamangaon Road

On the same morning at 5:15 a.m., another vehicle—a tractor (MH 29 C 4061) and trolley (MH 27 DL 4579)—was apprehended. Once again, driver Sudhir Shilam and owner Rahul Gawande were found to be involved. The gravel, estimated at one brass, was illegally excavated from the farm of Bali Dhurve in Juna Dhamangaon. A case was registered and the vehicle seized.

## Fourth Action – June 18, Talegaon Dashasar

At 11:45 a.m., the flying squad caught another tractor (MH 32 P 2015) near the weekly market in Talegaon Dashasar. The driver, Satish Javanjal, also lacked a permit for sand transportation. The tractor was found carrying approximately one brass of sand, illegally excavated from the Bembla riverbed. A detailed report was filed and the tractor seized.

**District administration officials present during the operation included:**

The operations were conducted under the supervision of Taluka Guardian Officer and Sub-Divisional Officer (Land Acquisition), Amravati, Mr. Prasannajit Chavan. Others present included Tehsildar Abhay Ghorpade, Village Revenue Officers Sagar Bhandwale, Gaurav Shrivastava, and Tateshwar Patil.

## Applications invited for subsidised seed distribution & crop demonstrations under National Food and Nutrition Security Campaign

**Akola 19 June:** To ensure the availability of high-quality certified seeds at subsidized rates and to promote new varieties of pulses and coarse grains, the National Food and Nutrition Security Campaign is being implemented in Akola district for pulses and cotton crops. As part of the initiative, crop demonstrations and seed distribution will be carried out. Demonstrations for tur, moong, urad, and cotton will be conducted with 100% subsidy (up to 0.40 hectares per farmer), available exclusively for Farmer Groups, Farmer Producer Companies, or agriculture-related cooperative institutions registered before March 31, 2024. Certified seed distribution will include tur, moong, and urad. \*Seeds less than 10 years old: Rs 5 thousand per quintal

(maximum 2 hectares per farmer) \* Seeds older than 10 years: Rs 2500 per quintal (maximum 2 hectares per farmer) Under the Oilseed and Oil Palm Mission, soybean demonstrations (100% subsidy on 0.40 hectares) will also be provided to the same eligible groups. Additionally, soybean seed distribution (for seeds less than 5 years old) will be subsidized up to 1 hectare per farmer. District Collector Ajit Kumbhar and District Agriculture Superintendent Shankar Kirwe have urged farmers to apply through the MahaDBT portal to avail the benefits. For assistance, farmers can contact Agricultural Assistants, Mandal Agriculture Officers, or Taluka Agriculture Officers.



Smugglers flee with truck during previous operation

On June 11, during an

operation at Borgao Gokulsara Ghat, the flying squad caught a pickup truck carrying illegal minerals. However, before the vehicle could be brought to the Tehsil office, the smugglers managed to flee with the truck. A case has been registered against the truck owner under Sections 126 and 321 of the Indian Penal Code.

**Tehsildar's stern warning: Illegal mining will not be tolerated**

Tehsildar Abhay Ghorpade, who has now

become a well-known figure across the taluka for his fearless actions, issued a stern warning: "No illegal minor mineral excavation will be tolerated in the taluka. Strict punitive action will be taken against violators."

The administration is alert and will not support those who break the law."

**Efforts draw praise from citizens & people's representatives**

The operations have received strong support from revenue officials including Circle Officers Rajesh Lad, Sangeeta Dharane, Vijay Gate, Sagar Bhandwale, Prakash Chavan, Akash Chavan, and Gaurav Shrivastava. The bold steps taken by the Tehsildar and his team have been widely appreciated by local citizens and social organizations alike.

# नगर परिषद कार्यालय, घाटंजी जि. यवतमाळ

## निविदा सूचना

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BUSINESS

Samsung R&D Institute, Noida and IIT Madras Sign MoU



**Gurugram 19 June:** Samsung R&D Institute, Noida (SRI-N) has deepened its industry-academia engagement through an MoU with the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) to drive collaborative research, accelerate technology development and nurture future-ready talent. The partnership will focus on pioneering advancements in AI for Indian languages, HealthTech and emerging areas such as Generative AI, reinforcing Samsung's commitment to build a stronger innovation ecosystem aligned with the vision of 'Make in India' and 'Digital India'. The five-year MoU that was signed by KyungyunRoo, Managing Director, SRI-N and Prof. V. Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras, aims to provide a wide range of collaborative activities, including sponsored research projects, consultancy projects, technology licensing, trainings, facility development and sponsorship of student fellowships in future. "At SRI-N, we are continuously working towards creating technologies that empower people and communities."

Our collaboration with IIT Madras marks an important step towards co-creating solutions that are meaningful, inclusive, and future-ready. Together, we aim to enhance the Galaxy AI ecosystem with deeper integration of Indian regional languages and contribute to breaking language barriers across the country. In addition, we are engaging in co-development of emerging technology and enhancement of skill sets," said KyungyunRoo, Managing Director, Samsung R&D Institute, Noida. Prof. V. Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras, echoed the excitement surrounding this collaboration. "We are proud to partner with SRI-N and this alliance will sponsor revolutionary research and technological development through effective utilization of AI technology. In the fast-changing tech landscape, the MoU will upskill beneficiaries to develop strong connection between theoretical knowledge and practical uncertainty," he said. This strategic partnership between Samsung India and IIT Madras adds to SRI-Noida's growing network of academic collaborations, having already established long-term strategic MoUs with premier institutes including IIT Delhi, IIT Kanpur, IIT Bombay and IIT Ropar. Samsung and these institutes are charting an expansive roadmap toward a smarter, more connected world. By combining industry-scale resources with academic rigor, these partnerships are cultivating a thriving ecosystem for future breakthroughs. SRI-Noida will sponsor research and development (R&D) projects, which may be conducted at IIT Madras, the company's premises or through a collaborative arrangement at both locations.

Royal Stag Barrel Select Shorts Launches 'For the Select Ones'

**Mumbai 19 June:** Royal Stag Barrel Select Shorts, the critically acclaimed platform for India's finest short film storytelling— unveils its new thematic campaign, 'For the Select Ones', featuring celebrated artists Rajkummar Rao and Patralekha. Conceptualised by FCBNEO, the campaign is a tribute to those who, in their journey to success, consistently make thoughtful choices— striving for refinement and knowledge while staying true to their values and aspirations. Rooted in the brand's philosophy of success, the campaign film is a cultural and artistic showcase — reaffirming Royal Stag Barrel Select Shorts' commitment to original, purposeful, and distinctive narratives. Watch the brand film here: [For the Select Ones](#) | Rajkummar Rao and Patralekha | Royal Stag Barrel Select Shorts - YouTube Over the years, the platform has collaborated with India's most celebrated artists and filmmakers— Sujoy Ghosh, Anurag Kashyap, Neeraj Ghaywan, Dibakar Banerjee, and Tigamshu Dhulia—each contributing distinct, thought-provoking stories that reflect a refined artistry. By bringing together Rajkummar Rao and Patralekha—both known for their differentiated choices and compelling performances—the campaign deepens the brand's emotional connection with its audience. Their journeys embody the essence of what it means to be Select. Speaking on the campaign, Kartik Mohindra, Chief Marketing Officer, Pernod Ricard India, said: "Royal Stag Barrel Select Shorts has evolved into creating an ecosystem that brings world-class narratives to curious and discerning audiences, thus becoming the destination for short films in India. With our new thematic campaign, 'For the Select Ones', we continue this next chapter of our brand's select storytelling journey by celebrating those who embody success through their distinct choices."

"This film is a quiet tribute to the art of choosing well. In a world overflowing with options, true identity is shaped by what we say no to as much as what we embrace. The process of creating this story with Rajkummar Rao and Patralekha was about capturing that subtle, internal journey, where each choice becomes a building block of a legacy. It aligns beautifully with the Royal Stag Barrel Select Shorts ethos of celebrating individuals with a refined eye and fearless vision," he expressed. Mayuresh Dubhashi, CEO, FCB NEO. Sharing his thoughts, Rajkummar Rao said: "Over the years, I've learned that true success lies in staying authentic and making choices that reflect who you are at your core. Whether it's in the characters I play or the decisions I make in life, I've always aimed to strike a balance between substance and intention. For the Select Ones is a powerful reflection of that mindset— valuing integrity, thoughtfulness, and individuality. I'm proud to be part of Royal Stag Barrel Select Shorts' campaign that celebrates the strength of discerning choices."

Adding her perspective, Patralekha said: "Throughout my journey, I've always believed in carving my own path. I've long admired the short films from Royal Stag Barrel Select Shorts for their depth, craft, and storytelling. Their narrative closely aligns with my belief in making choices that reflect true artistic vision. I'm honoured to collaborate with a brand that champions discernment and excellence." The campaign will be amplified through a high-decibel launch aimed at leaving a lasting impression— one that launches differentiation and aspiration at the heart of 'For the Select Ones'.

EDITORIAL

World Refugee Day



**W**orld Refugee Day is an international day organised every year on 20 June by the United Nations. It is designed to celebrate and honour refugees from around the world. The day was first established on 20 June 2001, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees. The event aims to recognise the strength of the refugees who have fled the conflict and persecution of their country in hope of finding sanctuary and living a better life. World Refugee Day builds the concept of understanding for their plight which shows one's resilience and courage in the rebuilding of their future. The day is seen as an opportunity for everyone to experience, understand and celebrate "the rich diversity" of the communities of refugees. Events such as theatre, dance, films, and music aim to allow refugee community organisations, voluntary and statutory organisations, local councils, and schools to host events during the week in order to honour the cause. World Refugee Day is also celebrated through World Refugee Week and is designed to provide an important chance for asylum seekers and refugees to be seen, listened to and valued by the community that they are living in.

A refugee is an individual who leaves their country due to the ramifications of war, conflict, persecutions and violence that they have faced within their home country. Through undertaking the process of crossing international borders, some refugees are often found to leave everything behind carrying only the minimal clothing and possessions; with the plan to find safety and haven in a different country. The 1951 Refugee Convention acknowledges a refugee as an individual who is unable to return to their country of origin owing to the founded fear of being affected by their race, religion, participation of a social group or in different political opinions.

Refugees play a role in the globe as when they are positioned to have access to the legal employment opportunities in their host country, they are able to utilise their knowledge to assist in filling the gap of a country's labour market. These inclusions in society create a more diverse in culture and multiculturalisation which provides the community with the opportunity to learn from each other. Majority of the refugees come from backgrounds where they have been formally employed and can assist their new country in contributing to the security of the country as well as their revenue.

Nuke shadow looms over West Asia

**O**N March 26, US Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard told a House committee that the American intelligence community "continues to assess that Iran is not building a nuclear weapon and Supreme leader Khomeini (sic) has not authorised the nuclear weapons program that he suspended in 2003." Yet on June 13, Israel launched what it claims was a "pre-emptive" attack to destroy Iran's nuclear weapons capability. Israel's action can only be assessed as being a dangerous and reckless act of aggression that poses danger to the region and the world. Iran does not have the most savoury regime running it; nor does Israel, and it most certainly does not have the right to attack Iran.

As he contemplates joining the war, US President Donald Trump has rudely brushed aside the US intelligence assessment and embraced the Israeli view that Iran had been very close to making a nuclear weapon when the war began. Israel's war aims are to destroy Iran's nuclear capacity and effect regime change. Neither is an easy task. Last week, in the wake of the Israeli attacks, former Prime Minister Ehud Barak told Christiane Amanpour on CNN that Israel alone cannot delay the nuclear programme of Iran by a significant time period. "Probably several weeks... a month... Even the US cannot delay them by more than a few months," he said. Current assessments are that besides destroying Iran's air defence system, Israel has severely damaged the principal nuclear enrichment facility at Natanz as well as the Isfahan Nuclear Technology Centre, while the Arak Nuclear Complex remains largely undamaged, as does the Parchin military complex which stores centrifuges and uranium. Israel has not targeted the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant over worries of nuclear radiation leaks. Importantly, no significant damage is reported as yet to the deeply buried Fordow fuel enrichment plant, which is said to be invulnerable to conventional strikes. This facility is crucial because it



can quickly enrich Iran's stock of 60 per cent enriched uranium to 90 per cent required for one weapon in a week. Iran reportedly possesses 408.6 kg of enriched uranium as of May 2025 and estimates are that this could be sufficient to make nine nuclear weapons in the coming weeks if enriched further. Fordow would need US involvement in the form of the massive ordnance air blast bomb (MOAB) that Israel does not possess. Besides, Iran has had two decades to spread out its programme and build other deeply buried ultra-secure sites such as the one in the Pickaxe mountain south of Natanz, which is deeper and better protected than the one in Fordow.

Kinetic means alone cannot destroy the Iranian programme. That would require a ground invasion. That is where the US role, which has so far been curious, comes in. The Israeli strikes came amidst US-Iran talks on building down the nuclear programme. After saying that the US would not be involved, President Trump now wants Iran to settle things on his terms — the principal demand being an "unconditional surrender" by Iran. Looking back, one wonders whether the war on Iran was always a US-Israeli venture.

American involvement could widen the war and trigger Iranian missile attacks on its facilities in the Persian Gulf region in Qatar, Bahrain, UAE, Iraq and Syria, in addition to facilities in Saudi Arabia, Oman and Kuwait. Ashutdown of the Strait of Hormuz, through which around 25 per cent of the world's oil is shipped, could see an escalation of oil prices beyond \$100 a barrel, triggering global inflation. The US needs to weigh

its options carefully. Destroying Iran's facilities and effecting regime change are one thing. Replacing it with a democratic setup quite another. Recall America's disastrous experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan that have roiled the region for the past 25 years. Having spent tens of trillions of dollars on wars in the region, the US is now on the brink of yet another, this time with a larger and better organised country. This is a

fraught moment. The demand for unconditional surrender and regime change could push Iran to actually fabricate a nuclear weapon. Israel has telegraphed its intentions for so long that Iran has had sufficient time to establish other secret facilities for its military programme.

A nuclear breakout could have Israel and the US resorting to nuclear weapons strikes to prevent Iranian deployment. Any use of nuclear weapons would be catastrophic for the region and the world. The primary trigger for the Iranian nuclear weapons programme has not been Israel. It was the 1980-1988 war following the invasion of the country by Iraq, an action that was aided by the US, Iraq's use of chemical weapons and missile attacks on Iranian cities found little international reaction.

So from the mid-1980s, Iran began its military nuclear programme. Iran's strategy was to develop its nuclear cycle — mining, processing and enriching uranium — to deter adversaries. But the fate of neighbouring Iraq following the US invasion in 2003 followed the Iranian conviction that there would be no guarantee for its security in the absence of nuclear weapons. The subsequent experience of North Korea only deepened this perception.

Iran is a resource-rich country of over 90 million people, some two-thirds the size of India. It has a strong sense of history and nationhood. As is in the case of Iraq, the US and Israel could well succeed in wreaking a lot of destruction on the country and possibly even effecting regime change, but you can be sure that this will not be the end of the story.

ENTERTAINMENT

Actors celebrate World Music Day by sharing how music heals and inspires them

**Mumbai 19 June:** Every year on June 21, the world comes together to celebrate International Music Day, more popularly known as World Music Day—a day dedicated to honouring the universal language of music. This year's theme, "Healing Through Harmony," shines a spotlight on music's incredible ability to soothe the soul, uplift the spirit, and foster emotional connection. To mark this special occasion, &TV artists open up about their relationships with music, revealing the ways it fuels their creativity and nurtures their inner world.

They also share how music has become an essential part of their emotional well-being and personal expression. These include Geetanjali Mishra (Rajesh, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan) and Vipin Heero (Malkhan, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai). Geetanjali Mishra, who portrays Rajesh in Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, shares, "Very few people know this, but I have learnt to play the sitar. It has been one of the most enriching and transformative experiences of my life. I have always felt a deep connection to classical music, and the sound of the sitar has a calming, almost meditative quality that resonated with me from the beginning. A few years ago, I finally decided to pursue it seriously."

The process of learning was anything but easy. The discipline, the posture, the patience required, but over time, I developed a bond with the instrument that went far beyond technical. Today, the sitar is my sanctuary. I often turn to it in the quiet moments of the morning or the stillness of the evening. In those sessions, I find not just peace, but a deep sense of clarity. The sitar gives voice to emotions I cannot articulate and has become my form of meditation. Lately, I have been blending classical ragas with modern sounds, which are creatively fulfilling and spiritually grounding. For me, the sitar is far more than a musical instrument; it reflects my inner self and a true source of healing." Vipin Heero, who essays Malkhan in Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, shares, "Music, much like acting and writing, has always been an inseparable part of who I am. It fuels my imagination and keeps my creative energy alive. A few years ago, I picked up the guitar and something shifted within me. In the beginning, learning the chords and mastering the rhythm was challenging, but once I found my flow, I was completely hooked."

The guitar quickly became my constant companion through all kinds of emotions—joy, nostalgia, solitude, and stress. Whenever I feel low or simply need to decompress after a long day, I turn to my guitar. It never fails to lift my spirits. It's also the life of our house parties; I love how music brings people together so effortlessly. Songwriting and composing have always been close to my heart. During my college and theatre days, I would often perform my original songs, and I still try to keep that tradition alive whenever I get the chance. For me, the guitar is more than just an instrument; it's therapy, it's release, and it is joy in its purest form.

"Watch Geetanjali Mishra as Rajesh in Happu Ki Ultan Paltan at 10:00 PM and Vipin Heero as Malkhan in Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai at 10:30 PM, every Monday to Friday, only on &TV!"

Pushpa is accused of stealing a mobile phone on her first day of law college in Sony SAB's 'Pushpa Impossible'

**Mumbai 19 June:** Sony SAB's Pushpa Impossible continues its stirring portrayal of Pushpa's courage, resilience, and determination. In the recent episodes, the audience witnessed Pushpa (Karuna Pandey) eagerly waiting for her exam results, knowing that her law college admission depends on it. In the upcoming episodes, viewers will see an exciting new chapter unfold in Pushpa's life. After working hard and clearing her law entrance exam, Pushpa finally fulfills her dream of joining a reputed law college, where she begins her studies under the guidance of Professor Shastri (Gaurav Chopra). However, her very first day at college turns into a nightmare. Pushpa gets accused of stealing a mobile phone in front of her



entire class. Shocked and heartbroken by the unexpected allegation, she finds herself in a tough spot. How will Pushpa prove her innocence? Will Professor Shastri support her during this difficult moment? Stay tuned to see how Pushpa deals with this setback. Karuna Pandey, who plays the role

of Pushpa in Pushpa Impossible, said, "This part of Pushpa's journey is extremely raw and real. It's not just about entering a college; it's about fulfilling dreams despite all the challenges that come up along the way. There are so many real-life Pushpas out there — women who have restarted their careers after long gaps, or picked up their books again after years, because they never gave up on their dreams. When I hear that someone feels seen or inspired by Pushpa's journey, it fills me with so much joy and purpose. It genuinely feels like I've achieved something meaningful as an actor. Playing Pushpa is not just a role, it's a responsibility I carry with pride."

**Response in to watch Pushpa Impossible, every Monday to Saturday at 9 PM, only on Sony SAB**

Zee TV actors celebrate mindful living this International Yoga Day

**Mumbai 19 June:** As the world gears up to celebrate the 11th International Day of Yoga, the 2025 theme — "Yoga for One Earth, One Health"—serves as a powerful reminder of the deep connection between our individual well-being and the health of the planet. Rooted in ancient wisdom, yoga continues to offer a path toward inner balance and conscious living. This year, Zee TV actors like Anushka Merchanda from Saru, Neha Rajput from Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, Vijayendra Kumeria from Jagriti — Ek Nayi Subah and Simaran Kaur from Jamai No. 1 reflect on how yoga influences their physical, mental, and emotional wellness, while also nudging them toward more eco-conscious, mindful ways of life.

Simaran Kaur, who essays the role of Riddhi in Zee TV's Jamai No. 1, said, "For me, yoga has become more than just fitness — it's a bridge between personal wellness and planetary well-being. I've always been passionate about staying fit, but earlier it was all about cardio and strength training. Over time, I realised that true wellness is holistic—it's about aligning body, mind, and nature. Now, my mornings begin with 10-15 minutes of meditation and deep breathing — often by an open window, letting in the sounds and air of the outside world. It helps me start the day grounded and grateful. Yoga has taught me that being mindful isn't limited to the mat — it extends into how we consume, how we interact with the environment, and how we treat others. After all, a healthy planet begins with a

healthy mind and body — and yoga brings us closer to both." Anushka Merchanda, who essays the role of Anika in Zee TV's Saru, said, "Every Sunday at sunrise, my sisters and I roll out our yoga mats — a ritual that started years ago and has become a tradition we deeply cherish. Between stretches, laughter, and quiet reflection, we reconnect — not just with ourselves, but with each other. I still remember our first session — following a YouTube video on our living room TV, confusing our lefts and rights, falling over more than we balanced. Over time, we moved to a nearby park, barefoot on the grass under open skies. Being surrounded by trees and the sounds of nature made the experience feel more peaceful. It was also about feeling connected to ourselves, to each other, and the world around us. This Yoga Day, we'll begin with 12 rounds of Surya Namaskar, followed by a short gratitude meditation, and writing down one intention each — something we want to carry forward with love and mindfulness."

Vijayendra Kumeria, who essays the role of Suraj in Zee TV's Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah, said, "On International Yoga Day, I always find myself reflecting on how deeply yoga has shaped me — not just as an actor, but as a person. I remember waking up before sunrise during intense shoot schedules, just to steal a few moments on the mat. Those quiet stretches, deep breaths, and mindful silences became my sanctuary, no matter where I was. Yoga hasn't just strengthened my body — it's helped me become more present, more



compassionate, and more aware of my connection with the planet. I truly believe that the peace we cultivate within has the power to heal beyond us. Let's embrace yoga not just as a practice, but as a way of living—for our health and for the Earth we call home."

Sehaj Rajput, who essays the role of Unnati in Zee TV's Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, said, "Yoga has always been my anchor — it helps me stay centred amidst the chaos of everyday life. But this year's theme, 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health', made me think beyond just personal well-being. It reminded me that our health is deeply connected to the world around us. These days, I often practice yoga outdoors—whether it's in my building's garden or on the terrace. There's something incredibly grounding about breathing in sync with nature. It's also made me more conscious in everyday choices — from cutting down on plastic to switching to sustainable fabrics and eating cleaner. Yoga is not just a form of exercise; it's a mindset, a lifestyle. If each of us embraces even a small part of that mindfulness, we can create a healthier self and a healthier planet — one breath at a time."



# Congress workers urged to gear up for upcoming Municipal Council elections

Former State President Manikrao Thakare issues appeal

**Pusad 19 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** As the process for the upcoming Municipal Council elections has begun, Congress workers must intensify their preparations and remain vigilant throughout, especially regarding ward formation and the accuracy of voter lists. Former Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) President and All India Congress Committee (AICC) member Manikrao Thakare made this appeal during a review meeting held today in Pusad. Addressing party workers at the Congress Committee's review session, Thakare emphasized the need to stay determined. "The public stands firmly with Congress. Do not get disheartened. Engage wholeheartedly in the election preparations," he said. The meeting witnessed the presence of several senior leaders, including All India Adivasi Parishad President Adv. Shivajirao Moghe, MLA Balasaheb Mangulkar, MPCC Minority Cell President and former legislator Dr. Wajahat Mirza, Dr. Mohammad Nadeem, District Minority Cell



President Zafar Khan, and Jitendra Moghe. Continuing his address, Thakare criticized both the central and state governments for their indifference to the problems of the common people. "Farmers are in distress, and the youth face rampant unemployment. The ruling governments are more focused on dividing the nation through caste politics rather than addressing public issues," he said. Referring to Maharashtra's progressive legacy, he added, "This is the land of Phule, Shahu, and Ambedkar. Late Vasant Naik led with secular ideals. Although some of his descendants may have

drifted politically, Congress workers need not worry. The people support the Congress ideology and will strengthen the party in the coming times." Speaking on the occasion, Adv. Shivajirao Moghe reiterated the party's commitment to farmers. "Agriculture is the backbone of this country. Whenever farmers have been in crisis, Congress governments have stood by them. In contrast, the present regimes at the Centre and State favour big capitalists. The people have realized this and will teach the ruling parties a lesson in the upcoming local body elections," he said. MLA Balasaheb Mangulkar, Dr.

Wajahat Mirza, and Zafar Khan also addressed the gathering. The meeting was opened by Dr. Mohammad Nadeem, with city president Zia Sheikh and Vilas Waghmare managing the proceedings. A vote of thanks was delivered by Dnyandeep Kamble. The meeting, organized by the Taluka and City Congress Committee, saw participation from several key workers including Syed Istiyak (General Secretary, State Minority Cell), Liyakat Pathan, Anil Shinde, Tahseen Khan, Adv. Gajanan Deshmukh, Jabbar Lakhe, Gopal Rathod, Syed Jani, Wasiullah Mirza, and others.

# Women Rank Term Insurance as the Top Financial Product to Secure their Child's Future

Bajaj Allianz Life Women Term Survey 2025 reveals

**Nagpur 19 June:** Bajaj Allianz Life insurance, one of India's leading private life insurers, unveiled insightful findings from its latest study, Bajaj Allianz Life Women Term Survey in collaboration with Pixis Global and Quais.AI. The survey deployed a combination of qualitative and quantitative methodologies covering over 1,000 salaried and self-employed women across metro, tier 1, and tier 2 cities. It assessed their top financial priorities, preparedness for emergencies, and approach to long-term financial security. The survey highlights a significant shift in financial priorities - with children's future, education expenses, and health surfacing as top concerns.

Term insurance emerged as the preferred financial product for women to secure their child's future. 53% women expressed concern about unexpected health expenses impacting their family's savings, showing growing awareness around health-related risks. Reflecting this, 87% found Critical Illness cover highly appealing, and 50% considered built-in Health Management Services an essential feature in their term plan. Additionally, women also consider child education benefits as an essential part in a term plan. These insights underline how financially independent women today are looking for insurance that not only protects life but also supports long-term

health and family wellbeing. Tarun Chugh, MD & CEO, Bajaj Allianz Life insurance, said, "The findings from Bajaj Allianz Life's Women Term Survey 2025 highlights that women view term insurance as more than just a life cover. They see it as a comprehensive financial solution that aligns with their well-defined financial priorities. Their expectations from a term plan include coverage for children's financial future, health-related expenses, critical illnesses and overall financial security for the family. These insights will continue to guide us in creating solutions that address the specific needs of our women customers to meet their long-term financial goals."

# Shiv Sena activists celebrate 59th foundation day with tree plantation drive in Pusad

**Pusad 19 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray faction) celebrated its 59th foundation day in Pusad with a tree plantation drive at the premises of Vasant Rao Purje Junior College. A total of 59 saplings were planted to mark the occasion. The party, founded on June 19, 1966, in Mumbai by Balasaheb Thackeray, was inspired by social reformer Prabodhankar Keshav Sitaram Thackeray's call to fight injustice against the Marathi-speaking population. Reflecting on its legacy, local party members took up the green initiative as a symbol of growth and commitment to the environment. Present at the event were Shiv Sena District Coordinator Rangrao Kale, Deputy District Chief Raju Wakade, Constituency Organizer Vijay Babar, Rahul Sahare, Women's Wing Taluka President Maltibai Mishra, Deputy Taluka Chief Nikhil Dasharathe, Minority Cell Deputy District Chief Abbas Bhai, Abhijeet Kharat, Sharad Jogdande, Ajay



Kamble, Mayur Kule, Vicky Gaikewad, Vishal Dasarate, Vaibhav Kale, and Tushar Vyavahare among others.

# UCO Bank Executive Director Vijayakumar Nivrutti Kamble visits Nagpur during inauguration of new branch at Dharampeth

**Nagpur 19 June:** The new branch of UCO Bank Dharampeth was inaugurated by Shri Vijayakumar Nivrutti Kamble, Executive Director, UCO Bank. Zonal Head of UCO Bank Shri Anand Kumar Maheshwari, Deputy Zonal Head Shri Saurabh Srivastava, Branch Head of Dharampeth branch Shri Tushar Wanjari was also present on the occasion. In his address, Shri Kamble said that



Dharampeth branch is an embodiment of trust reposed by customers on UCO Bank, due to which UCO Bank along

with its branch expansion is growing its business progressively. In another event Mr. Kamble presided over Branch Head conclave with Branch Heads of branches under UCO Bank Nagpur Zone. During his stay in Nagpur, Mr. Kamble also held meetings with UCO Bank customers and provided Head Office level approvals. It is pertinent to note that Shri Vijayakumar Nivrutti Kamble has joined the UCO

Bank as Executive Director on 9th October 2023 and thereafter the UCO Bank, dedicated to customer service, is progressively on the path of success, which has also been reflected in the business outcome of the bank's financial year 2024-25 where the net profit of UCO Bank increased by 47.80 per cent to Rs.2,445 crore and the total business increased by 14.12 per cent on an annual basis to Rs. 5,13,527 crore.

# ANIMAL RIGHTS AWARENESS WEEK BEING OBSERVED....



Two PETA India supporters wearing cat and dog costumes rolled out a blackboard and held a class in Nagpur in order to educate passers-by on various aspects of ABC (Animal Birth Control). The puppy professor and kitty tutor reminded everyone that sterilisation of domestic animals helps them lead longer, healthier lives. It is also the most effective way to combat the crisis of homelessness in animals.

# 'A summer camp is a confluence of creativity & enthusiasm experienced during summer vacations'

**Ramtek 19 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A successful summer camp was organised at Samar Convent in Ramtek from May 2 to June 15 in association with Kala Samarpan Bahuddeshiya Sanstha and Matrika Foundation. In this 45-day summer camp, children were trained in various creative activities like dance, music, yoga, Zumba, craft, reading, trekking and tree plantation. The special attraction of this year was the flash mob dance organised for the first time in Ramtek, in which the children of the summer camp gave a grand performance under the guidance of Kala Samarpan Bahuddeshiya Sanstha and the public appreciated it immensely. On Sunday (June 15) the closing ceremony of the summer camp was held at the Late Ghanshyamrao Kimmatkar Auditorium. On the occasion, Ashish Jaiswal, Minister of State, Government of Maharashtra, was present as the chief guest, while Mahesh Sawant and Vikendra Mahajane were present as dignitaries. The students of the summer camp won the hearts of the audience with their exemplary performances. The credit for the successful organisation of this summer camp goes to Ritesh Kumre, President of Kala Samarpan Bahuddeshiya Sanstha and Vice President Shabanaz Sheikh who worked tirelessly for this initiative for



the last 3 months or so. To make this camp successful, the trainers for trekking and seed balls were Dr. Anshuja Bhutkar, President of Matrika Foundation, dance teachers Rohit Dudhbarve and Prankita Raut, yoga teacher Shital Uke, music teacher Vishwanath Dunde, abacus teacher Gayatri Wankhede, self-defence Antara Dhamgaye, craft Yukt Mohabiya. All the participating students were honoured with certificates on the occasion. The

entire planning and management of this concluding ceremony was carried out by Ritesh Kumare, President of Kala Samarpan Sanstha, and Vice President Shabanaz Sheikh. The invaluable support of Dr. Anshuja Bhutkar, Laxmi Mhatre, Vaishali Jiwatode, Megha Wanjari, Sharda Indorkar, Durga Gayatri Wankhede, self-defence Antara Dhamgaye, craft Yukt Mohabiya. All the participating students were honoured with certificates on the occasion. The

# Work of Katangi-Batana road stretch construction proceeding at snail's pace

Students being adversely affected

**Gondia 19 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** The construction of Katangi-Temani-Barbaspura-Batana road stretch in the taluka has been going on for the past 5 months or so. However, the construction of the road stretch has been going on very slowly, so the citizens of the area are facing a lot of trouble. Under the Mukhyamantri Gram Sadak Yojana, the construction of about 7 kilometre long Katangi-Temani-Barbaspura-Batana road stretch has been going on since last February. Since the construction of this road

stretch is going on, the buses supposed to be plying along this route have been diverted via Ambhora. Despite this, the citizens and students of Temani and Barbaspura are having to face a lot of trouble. Recently the summer vacations were underway. But now that schools colleges and educational institutions are set to reopen in the next few days, students are set to be adversely affected. In addition, the construction of the road stretch from Batana to Barbaspura was supposed to have been completed by the end of June. But the construction of the remaining

portion of the road is still incomplete, so there are only slim chances of bus plying along this route being resumed. Due to lack of bus connectivity, students of Temani, Barbaspura and Temani, especially girl students, will have to walk or cycle across a long distance for sake of pursuing education. The citizens of the area have demanded that the construction of the concerned road stretch should be completed as soon as possible. Considering the difficulties of the citizens, the construction of this road



stretch is being carried out on a war footing. The construction of the road stretch will be completed soon, Deputy Engineer (In-charge) of Mukhyamantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Gondia division, Mr. Deshmukh said.

# Citizens irked amid sewerage water being discharged into portion of Nag river

**Wadi 19 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A wave of anger has spread among local citizens as toilet & sewerage water is being discharged again into the drain connected to Nag river in Daulatwadi, Mangaldham and Gajanan Society localities. In 2022, after complaints coming to the fore from citizens, the dirty water emanating in the Malla Kumbh area was stopped on the orders of the then Chief Officer of Wadi Municipal Council, Dr. Vijay Deshmukh. At that time, a separate sewage pipeline was connected and the dirty water was diverted directly into the Malla Kumbh. However, five months ago, while constructing a 5-foot high security wall on one side of the drain, the connection of this pipeline was somehow severed. Along with this, many trees were also cut down, yet the administration top brass ignored the issue. Currently,



toilet water and water filled with pieces of excreta is being discharged directly into the drain, due to which the risk of dirt and stench emanating has increased in the area. The possibility of an epidemic spreading also looms large. This dirt is directly mixed into water from Ambazari lake. This is likely to cause an environmental crisis. The Malla Kumbh is a facility which encompasses approximately 2-2.5 thousand square feet area and it has been built at a cost of lakhs of rupees. This is currently completely inoperational and citizens have demanded that

the contractor reconnect the old sewage pipeline as it is and reconnect it to the Malla Kumbh. **The main demand of the local citizens are as follows:** \* The sewage pipeline should be reconnected. \* There should be an immediate ban on discharging toilet water into the drain. \* The Environment Department, Health Department, District Collector and Municipal Council should take immediate action on the issue.

# LIC WZ Volleyball, Athletics events underway

**Nagpur 19 June:** Participating players representing 22 Divisions of LIC OF INDIA, Western Zone, comprising the states of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa are competing in the Zonal Meet. Selected players will be part of the Western Zonal team which shall participate in the All India LIC Games to be held in December 2025. The Athletic Meet will be conducted at RTM Nagpur University Sports Complex, Ravi Nagar, Nagpur. Total participants in athletics are 23 and in 32 in volleyball. The star attraction is volleyball include Asif Mulla (Satara Division) and Mukul Katangale (Nashik Division) Both are National level players who have represented Maharashtra State in Nationals for many years. In athletics Kalidas Hirawe (International Athlete and winner of Shiv Chhatrapati Award), Pune Division, Monica Athare (Jadhav - Nashik Division) International Athlete and winner of Shiv Chhatrapati Award), Dheeraj Mishra (International Athlete - Gold Medal in Triple Jump in Junior Commonwealth Games).

# Chhatrapati Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj Samaj Bhushan Puraskar to be conferred upon Chandrabhau Thakre

Award ceremony to be held on June 26

**Wadi 19 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Chandrabhau Thakre, a senior activist from Nagpur who was inspired by the ideology of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar and worked in social work, will be honoured with the prestigious award 'Chhatrapati Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj Samaj Bhushan Puraskar'. This award will be presented at a special programme organised by Annabhau Sathe People's Force of Nanded on the occasion of Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj's birth anniversary. The felicitation ceremony will be held on June 26 at 12 noon at Ruby Hotel, CIDCO, New Nanded. Panther

leader Ramesh Khandagale will be present as the chief guest during the programme, and selected Ambedkarite activists from Vidarbha and Marathwada regions will also be felicitated on the occasion. Chandrabhau Thakre has been actively working for sake of ensuring social equality, enhancing educational awareness, and striving for the rights of marginalised groups for the past several decades. In recognition of his exemplary work, he is being honoured jointly by Matang Samaj Nanded and Annabhau Sathe People's Force. The organiser of the



# 'Bangle Raga' fest underway

**Nagpur 19 June:** 'Bangle Raga' fest is underway at Batukbhai Jewellers. This exclusive launch offer includes 8.99 % making charges, exchange of old bangles for new ones at 8.99% making charges, Flat Rs 333 off per gram & free silver coin gift with every purchase is available. "This is more than just a jewellery event - Bangle Raga is a cultural experience where every design tells a story," said Mohit Sheth, Director at Batukbhai Jewellers. "We are excited to bring this unique celebration to Nagpur and invite customers to explore the timeless charm of bangles in a whole new way."



## When will illegal police station be raised, HC asks

**Yavatmal 19 June:** The Nagpur bench of Bombay high court on Wednesday directed the Maharashtra home department to clarify within a week when it plans to demolish the illegally constructed Avdhwadi police station in Yavatmal, which the police administration admitted was built without necessary municipal permissions. A division bench comprising justices Nitin Sambre and Sachin Deshmukh also questioned the state on when the police station will be shifted to a newly built facility near All India Radio, Yavatmal.

The issue arose during the hearing of a public interest litigation filed by RTI activist Digambar Pajgade, who alleged that the existing



police station was constructed in violation of regulations and without proper funding records. According to the petition, the building was inaugurated by senior

police officials several years ago despite the absence of a trust or fund allocation.

In a subsequent submission, the department stated that the executive engineer inspected the site and indicated necessary action would be completed by June 30. Taking cognisance of these admissions, the court has now asked the state to submit a timeline for both the demolition of the illegal structure and relocation to the authorised building.

The next hearing is scheduled for June 25. AGP Sangeeta Jachak represented the state.

## Solve the basic problems of Maregaon taluka



**MAREGAON / NAGPUR POST:** The problems in the taluka are increasing and the common citizen is suffering. While the people's representatives are ignoring it, therefore, the taluka administration should pay attention to this and solve the problems. This demand has been made in a statement given to the Tehsildar on behalf of the Taluka Congress Party. The problems in the taluka are increasing day by day. The rural roads have been washed away. The issue of electricity for agricultural pumps has become serious. There is water but no electricity. Crops are drying up due to lack of water. Last

year, many farmers suffered huge losses in the flood of the Wardha river. Compensation has not been received yet. Many farmers are deprived of crop insurance. As promised by the coalition government, loan waivers should be given. A statement demanding the same was given to the in-charge Tehsildar Yadav. Congress President Maroti Gaurkar, City President Shankar Madavi, Akash Badaki, Youth Congress City President Syed Sameer, Vinod Atram, Kishore Gaurkar, Gopal Khamankar, Dhanraj Aswale, Mangesh Uike, Dnyaneshwar Zade and others were present while giving the statement.

## Medicinal and aromatic plants now covered under Horticulture Development Mission

**Akola 19 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** The Integrated Horticulture Development Mission has been expanded to include medicinal and aromatic plants, and applications for subsidies are now being accepted from farmers.

### Medicinal Plants

Farmers can cultivate plants such as Jeshthamadh, Mulethi, Shatavari, Kalihari, Safed Musli, Guggul, Manjishtha, Kutki, Atis, Jatamansi, Ashwagandha, Brahmi, Tulsi, Vidarikand, Pippali, Chirata, and Pushkarmool.

Assistance rate: Rs 1.5 lakh per hectare

Subsidy: 40% for general areas, 50% for notified areas (maximum 2 hectares)

### High-Value Aromatic Plants

Includes rose, rosemary, tuberose, geranium, chamomile, sandalwood, davana, jasmine, and lavender.

Cost norm: Rs 1.25 lakh per hectare

Subsidy: 40% in general areas, 50% in notified areas (maximum 2 hectares)

### Basic Aromatic Plants:

Includes palmarosa, lemongrass, vetiver, tulsi, Java citronella, sweet basil.

Cost norm: Rs 50,000 per hectare

Subsidy: 40% in general areas, 50% in notified areas (maximum 2 hectares)

This program aims to expand cultivation areas of medicinal and aromatic crops. Interested farmers should apply through the MahaDBT portal under the Horticulture component. District Agriculture Superintendent Shankar Kirwe has appealed for maximum participation to ensure the scheme's success.

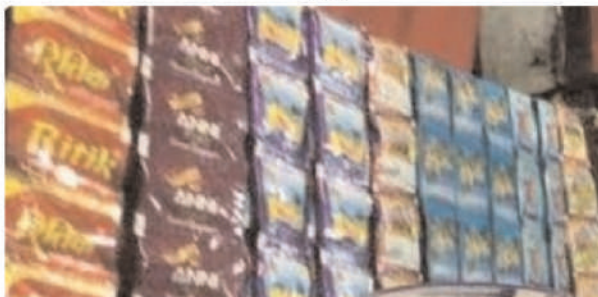
## Akola student shines with 100 percentile in MHT-CET (PCB)

**Akola 19 June:** Bhakti Manish Men from Akola emerged as the sole student from Vidarbha to score a perfect 100 percentile in the MHT-CET 2025 (PCB), the results of which were announced by the State Common Entrance Test (CET) Cell on Tuesday. Bhakti's stellar performance places her among the elite 14 candidates statewide who achieved this feat, highlighting Vidarbha's academic prowess. Results of the MHT-CET (PCM group) were declared on Monday.

Bhakti's achievement underscores the significance of MHT-CET, which evaluates students' proficiency in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology, determining their eligibility for competitive professional programs. The exam's rigorous format tests conceptual understanding and application, making 100 percentile a remarkable milestone. This entrance test is a critical gateway for students seeking admission to undergraduate courses in pharmacy and agriculture across Maharashtra's prestigious institutions. Since city-wise rankings are not officially declared, information from coaching institutes or colleges is relied on.

The city-wise rankings may change following updated information in the coming days. The MHT-CET (PCB) was conducted between April 9 and April 17. Of 3,01,072 registered candidates, 2,82,734 (93.91%) appeared in the exam. The exam was held across 172 centres in Maharashtra and 9 centres outside the state. Education experts emphasise that MHT-CET scores are pivotal for securing seats in top colleges, influencing career trajectories in healthcare and agriculture. As counselling rounds begin, aspirants await opportunities to translate their scores into admissions, marking the start of a transformative academic journey. Kabir Rawlekar, vice-principal of Dr Ambedkar College said, "Since this entrance exam is not used for medical college admissions, the number of students appearing for it is not very high."

## Action against prohibited tobacco and gutka seller



**WANI / NAGPUR POST:** On June 18, the Food and Drug Administration of Yavatmal raided the Jyoti Kirana Stores Shop and General Stores shop in front of the rest house in the bus stand area and seized goods worth Rs 30,000. In this prohibited tobacco and gutka goods are included. In this case, on the complaint filed by Yavatmal Food Safety Officer Seema Ramsurkar at Wani Police Station, a case has been registered against the accused Manish Nandkishor Pherwani 31, resident of Sindh Colony Guru Nanak Nagar, Wani, under the Food Safety Standards Act 2006 and various sections of 2011, and sections 223, 274, 275, and 123 of the Indian Penal Code. In this raid, prohibited goods worth Rs 30,613 were seized. The case is being investigated by the PSI Mahapure.

## Registration certificates distributed to cow shelters

**Akola 19 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A registration certificate distribution program for gaushalas (cow shelters) in Akola district was held on Tuesday, presided over by District Collector Ajit Kumbhar. The Go-Seva Commission, established for the preservation and welfare of indigenous cattle, supervises the functioning of registered gaushalas. Currently, 29 gaushalas in Akola are registered with the commission. At the event, selected representatives received five-year registration certificates. Member Uddhav Nerkar, Deputy Commissioner of Animal Husbandry Dr. Abhijit Parandekar, District Animal Husbandry Officer Dr. Deepak Ufale, and Livestock Development Officer DR. Komal Kale were present. Nerkar urged gaushalas to ensure proper tagging of cattle, maintain accurate records, and strive for self-sustainability.

## Minor Dalit girl blackmailed & raped



**Akola 19 June:** Some minority youths allegedly raped a minor Dalit girl by threatening to make her obscene photos viral. On the basis of a complaint, a case has been registered at Khadan police station. The accused have been booked on charges of kidnapping and rape etc. According to police, some minors may be involved in this incident. According to social worker Janjal, mother of the victim complained to him about some minority youths blackmailing her minor daughter and exploiting her sexually. Janjal took the woman to the police station and a complaint was registered.

## Certificates distributed at Thalegaon Rehabilitation

**KALAMB / NAGPUR POST:** Certificates were distributed to citizens under the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Maharaajwala Abhiyan at the Samaj Mandir Thalegaon (Rehabilitation). 217 certificates of various types were distributed by Sub-Divisional Officer Sudhir Patil and Tehsildar Dheeraj Sthul. Citizens under Revenue Mandal Kalamb (Saja Rasa, Sharad, Kalamb Block 1, Kalamb Block 2, Vadgaon Vaddona) participated in this camp. At this time, 123 income certificates, seven domicile certificates, 13 cases of conversion of two Bhogvatdar classes into one (clan), 43 certificates of registration of deceased inheritance, 11 caste certificates and 18 certificates of Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar and Shrawanbal Yojana were distributed and registered. This camp was organised to get all types of certificates at one place. On this occasion, Deputy Sarpanch Dinesh Wankhade, Mandal Officer Anil Surpam, Talathi Kiran Golewar, Ankit Umratkar, Tai Manekar, Shyam Shelokar, Suvas Shinde and other beneficiaries were present.

## Worker dies after explosion in compressor

**Darwha 19 June:** An explosion in a compressor attached to a gravel crusher at the plant of Sai Preeti Construction Company in the Bag wadi area of Darwha tehsil claimed the life of one worker and left another seriously injured. The incident occurred around 8 pm on Tuesday, June 17. The deceased worker has been identified as Shamshad Ali Sheikh, a native of West Bengal. The injured worker is Mithun Sheikh, who has been admitted to the sub-district hospital in Darwha. Preliminary reports suggest that the explosion may have been caused by a technical fault or lack of proper maintenance in the compressor. However, the exact cause of the blast is yet to be confirmed. The incident has raised serious concerns about the safety measures followed by Sai Preeti Construction Company for its workers. Police visited the site, conducted a panchnama, and sent the body for post-mortem at the government hospital.

## Reliance Insurance Co directed to pay compensation to farmers

**Yavatmal 19 June:** In a major blow to Reliance Insurance Company, the Yavatmal District Consumer Forum has asked the company to pay compensation to farmers for crop damage. After a wait for eight years, four farmers from Sarfuli village in Babhulgaon tehsil have finally received justice.

As per the forum's order, each farmer is entitled to receive compensation over Rs 50 thousand. In July 2016, the district received good rainfall initially, but from the last week of July through September, it was a

dry spell. As a result, soybean and tur crops turned yellow, and buds and pods began to fall. Owing to this damage, farmers Nehru Jichkar, Nirmala Darne, Ramesh Jichkar, and Jitendra Velukar from Sarfuli contacted the insurance company to claim crop insurance benefits.

Although compensation of Rs 36 thousand per hectare was expected for soybean, the company provided only Rs 311 per hectare. For tur, where Rs 28 thousand per hectare was the expected payout, the company didn't pay a single

rupee. Hence, the four farmers approached the Consumer Forum.

### No details provided on threshold yield

All four farmers filed a complaint against the company with the forum. The case was heard by forum chief Dr Ravindra Ulhas Marathe and member Amruta Vaidya. The insurance company claimed it had paid 321 per hectare for soybean based on the threshold yield. However, it failed to provide any data on the previous threshold yield. Citing this omission, the forum ruled against the company.

## HC flags trend of wives dragging in-laws into matrimonial disputes, quashes FIR against 7 in Washim

**Washim 19 June:** Expressing concern over what it termed a "growing trend" of wives dragging their in-laws into criminal litigation arising from marital discord, the Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court recently quashed a cruelty and dowry-harassment case against seven members of a Washim family. "It is noticed that nowadays, in proceedings arising out of matrimonial discord, there is a tendency of the wife to implicate the husband and his family members in the web of crime," observed a bench of Justices Anil Kilor and Pravin Patil on June 9. "The police complaint is considered the only panacea to teach a lesson to the family members of the husband," it added. The HC passed the order while hearing a plea by the husband's relatives seeking to set aside a case pending before a Washim magistrate. They had been charge-sheeted for offences under Sections 498-A (cruelty), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 504 (intentional insult) and 506 (criminal intimidation) read with Section 34 of the IPC, as well as Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act. According to the FIR lodged on August 30, 2023, the

complainant alleged that after her marriage on June 2, 2014 she was repeatedly insulted as "a beggar's daughter", harassed for insufficient dowry and beaten by her husband, who allegedly questioned her character. The prosecution argued that witness statements recorded during investigation pointed to the involvement of all eight accused. The court, however, noted that substantive allegations were directed solely at the husband, against whom a divorce petition has been pending before the civil court at Mehkar since June 2022. "There are no specific allegations disclosing the date, time, place or manner in which harassment was meted out by the relatives," it said, calling the accusations "vague and general". It also recorded that the wife



had left the matrimonial home in June 2022 and was the subject of a missing-person complaint filed by the husband before he moved the divorce court. These circumstances showed "serious marital dispute" but did not, by themselves, wholly justify prosecution of the wider family. Finding "no prima facie case" against Nos. 2 to 8, (family members) the bench quashed the FIR and the ensuing criminal proceedings against them, while allowing the case against the husband to proceed on its merits.

## Annabhau Sathe Corporation offering scholarships to students from marginalised communities

**Amravati 19 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** The Sahityaratna Lokshahiyyar Annabhau Sathe Vikas Mahamandal has invited scholarship applications from students of the Matang community and 12 allied sub-castes. The deadline for submission is July 20, 2025. Students with 60% or more marks in SSC, HSC, undergraduate, postgraduate, medical, or engineering programs in the 2024-25 academic year may apply. Required documents include caste and income certificates, ration card, mark sheet, bonafide certificate, two photos, Aadhar card, and bank passbook. Applications must be submitted during office hours at the Mahamandal office behind the Police Commissionerate, Amravati.

## Special drive for issuing caste certificates from June 26

**Amravati 19 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** To commemorate the birth anniversary of Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj, a special campaign will be launched from June 26 to expedite the issuance of caste validity certificates. The campaign urges eligible citizens, especially students from backward classes, to participate. Deficiency rectification camps will be held on June 23, June 25, July 2, and July 4. Webinars are scheduled for June 27 and July 3. This drive is aimed at Class 11 and 12 science stream students, CET applicants for professional courses, and third-year diploma students. The District Caste Certificate Scrutiny Committee has requested applicants to ensure complete online submission. Those who have already applied but haven't received certificates are advised to attend the rectification camps.

## Wheel of parked car stolen



**DIGRAS / NAGPUR POST:** On the night of Tuesday, June 17, some miscreants removed the wheel of a car parked in front of a house in Viraj Nagar here and fled. This is the second incident in the Viraj Nagar, College Nagar area, next to Butle College on the old Darva Road, where a house was robbed of money, so it is noteworthy that many people have installed CCTV cameras in front of their houses. Despite this, Kunal Nishat's Maruti Swift car number MH 12 LP 6603 is

always parked in front of his house. The thieves have shown the courage to steal the wheel of this car, after this incident, there has been a lot of fear of thieves in the area. When the owner went to the police station to file a complaint about this incident, the cops did not give much importance to the incident, in fact, the police car did not even move. Due to this lax policy of the police, the thieves have become emboldened and there is a demand to crack down on them.

## Ekvira School teachers trained under

### CBSE curriculum

**Daryapur 19 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Teachers of Ekvira Vidyalaya, affiliated with the Dayanand School of Brilliance, underwent professional training under the CBSE framework. The training covered new teaching methodologies, the National Education Policy (NEP), and student-centric approaches. Principal Lishesh Ramakrishnan emphasised that these tools would enhance the quality of instruction and student outcomes in the upcoming academic session.

## Jijau Brigade brings joy to visually impaired couple with traditional Mehendi-Haldi ceremony

**Anjangaon Surji 19 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** In a heartwarming gesture, the women of the Jijau Brigade organized a vibrant Mehendi and Haldi ceremony for a visually impaired couple, Nivruti Wankhade and Sangeeta Solanke, ahead of their wedding on June 13. Held on June 11, the event included traditional rituals, rangoli decorations, and singing, bringing unexpected joy into the lives of the couple. Smita Kolhe spent two hours applying Mehendi on the bride's hands, while Vaishali Bolke hosted the Haldi ceremony. Members like Smita Lahane, Chhaya Sapate, Sarika Dhamode, and others participated wholeheartedly, making it a deeply emotional and socially inspiring event for the entire community.

## Speed breakers on Chandur Bazar-Shirala road posing serious hazards to commuters

**Chandur Bazar 19 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** While good roads facilitate smooth transportation, poor planning can make them life-threatening. A glaring example is seen on the road from Belora Chowk to Shirala via Amravati in Chandur Bazar. Speed breakers have been installed in front of the HDFC Bank at Belora Chowk, with white stripes painted to control vehicle speed. However, these have drawn severe criticism from local residents, who complain that the breakers are more hazardous than helpful. Crucially, no warning signs are placed within 100 meters of these breakers, raising concerns about their legality. Adding to the risks, overloaded tipper trucks often spill sand and gravel onto the road. This has already led to 3-4 minor accidents in recent days. Due to lack of awareness and fear, the victims have notified formal complaints. Nearby hospitals, including pediatric and general health clinics, are also affected due to noise pollution caused by speeding vehicles hitting these breakers, impacting both patients and nearby businesses. Residents are increasingly demanding the removal of these unmarked speed breakers. Moreover, within a stretch of just 100 meters, there are four U-turns, none of which have any signage. At a junction leading to Belora village, there are no traffic signals. A school and the popular Bhaktidham Temple are also located nearby, but there are no signs indicating their presence either. Even the nearby railway crossing lacks proper warning boards. Should an accident occur, will the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) take responsibility? Locals question whether attention will only be paid after a major tragedy. It is yet another instance of authorities gambling with public safety under the pretext of development.

## Woman delivers in autorickshaw

### Hiwari PHC administration under fire

**Yavatmal 19 June:** A woman gave birth in an autorickshaw after allegedly being denied medical assistance at the Hiwari Primary Health Centre (PHC), bringing the centre's negligence into sharp focus. Although both the mother and baby are safe, the incident has raised serious questions about the functioning of the facility. The woman from Watkhed village had arrived at Hiwari PHC two days earlier with labour pains. However, due to the absence of a medical officer and inaction by the attending nurse, she received no treatment and had to return home without any care. Later, her labour pains resumed at home. While being rushed to a hospital in an auto, she delivered the baby en route just three kilometres from Hiwari. Though both mother and newborn are safe, the incident has cast a shadow over the administration of Hiwari PHC. Locals are questioning who would have taken responsibility if anything had happened to the mother or child. Meanwhile, commenting on the issue, Medical Officer, Hiwari PHC Naitam said, "I was not on duty at the time, so I am unaware of the incident. I will investigate and provide information."



# Enhance connectivity with environment, maintain balance of nature: Bawankule

**Wadi 19 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** As per the slogan of World Environment Day 2025, 'Let's make the whole world plastic-free', environment week observance related events were organised by the Paryavaran va Nisarg Sanstha, Ghogali on the occasion of World Environment Day, which was celebrated with fervour all over the world. The grand event held at Mantra Celebration Hall, Besa was attended by state Revenue Minister and Guardian Minister of Nagpur district Chandrashekar Bawankule as the chief guest.

Besa-Pipala Nagar Panchayat Chief Officer Bharat Nandanwar, environmentalist Makarand Pandharipande, Kaustubh Chatterjee of Green Vigil Foundation, Sanjay Saraf of Gramayan Pratishthan, and



Dr. AN Radha, Director of Community College of Technology and Research, were present on the dais. The introductory speech was given by the secretary of the organisation, Rajendra Rajurkar. Madhukar Surwade conducted the proceedings of the programme and the vote of thanks was given by the treasurer of the organisation, Naresh Bhoyar.

Chandrashekar Bawankule, praising the initiative of Paryavaran va Nisarg Sanstha, announced measures to set up a fertiliser production project from waste in Besa Nagar Panchayat. He appealed to the citizens to plant a tree in the name of their mother and also suggested that they should manage water resources properly through rooftop rain

harvesting. Sanjay Saraf stated that it is the responsibility of the society to respect those who collect garbage. Kaustubh Chatterjee explained the dire effects of global warming through a presentation and said that everyone's participation is necessary to save the earth. Dr. Radha informed that 2 thousand trees have been planted and nurtured in the college premises. Rajesh Sontakke disseminated information about the fertiliser production project from waste, and the 'Nisarga Shala' model concept. Chief Officer Bharat Nandanwar said that 7 thousand trees have been planted in the last two years, and work is

underway to manage wet and dry waste and make benches from plastic. Five-point resolution: In the presidential speech at the programme, Madhukar Surwade announced the following 5-point resolution for environmental protection: \* Making the Besa-Pipla locality clean, beautiful and green \* 'One house, one tree' campaign \* Water conservation through rooftop harvesting \* Cleanliness campaign \* Workshop for environmental awareness

The special contribution of Bhaiyaji Rewatkar, Jayashri Surwade, Manisha Rajurkar, Mahendra Marashinge, Nitin Nikhade, Vinod Kanojia and Vinod Kumar Wekhande was invaluable as far as the successful organisation of the events were concerned.

# Nagpur's Manjusha and Suruchi show that strength rides with every delivery

**Nagpur 19 June:** Manjusha Dhanorkar and Suruchi Shahu are challenging stereotypes with every delivery they make. Differently abled yet unstoppable, they've carved a place for themselves as Zomato delivery partners, proving that determination knows no limits and dignity finds its own path. According to a media report, Manjusha Dhanorkar, who lives in Chunabhatti, joined Zomato in February. A mother of two and a widow for the past two years, she previously earned a living by driving an e-rickshaw. "Since schools are shut for holidays, there's no demand for my e-rickshaw services. That's when Zomato offered me this opportunity," she shared. With the help of a training program by 'Youth for Jobs', she gained the skills to handle deliveries and communicate with customers with confidence. While some customers hesitate at first to walk up and collect their orders, Manjusha says most respond with empathy once they realise her situation. "It feels good when people look up to us. I learn better now—weekly payments are credited instantly, unlike my previous job where I had to wait till month-end," she says, smiling. Her workday usually



begins around 11 AM, though slot bookings open as early as 6 in the morning. Suruchi Shahu, who lives near Ajni, holds a B.Com degree and joined Zomato earlier this year. "I used to earn about 10,000 doing home sewing. Now I earn more than that and I'm financially more independent," she says. No married yet, Suruchi embodies a calm but firm spirit. "Work is inevitable. One has to work to survive," she adds. Manjusha recalls a tough moment on the job: "Once, I couldn't locate a customer's address, and they weren't picking up calls. I wandered for 20 minutes and had to take help from guards and locals." Her only appeal is simple: "If someone could help us carry parcels up from restaurants, especially when there are stairs, it would ease our task." Both Manjusha and Suruchi express gratitude to Zomato for empowering them and for giving them a platform. Their determination stands as a powerful reminder that with some support and a strong will, no obstacle is too big. Their journey goes beyond delivering food—it's about delivering hope, one parcel at a time.

# Unsanitary conditions at Nara crematorium spark citizen outcry in North Nagpur

**Nagpur 19 June:** The Nara crematorium, under the Asinagar Zone of the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC), is facing severe hygiene issues due to the lack of regular cleaning. Piles of garbage near the main entrance, including used funeral garments, garlands, and religious offerings, have been left unattended for days, causing foul odors and potential health hazards. Local residents report that routine morning cleaning has not taken place, and with the arrival of the monsoon, decaying waste is raising the



risk of disease. The crematorium, used by citizens of all communities for last rites, holds deep religious and cultural importance. Locals say its current neglected state is both disrespectful and dangerous. Concerned citizens, including Vijay Kumar Panjwani, Nanak Manglani, Shewak Chatnani, Kishan Balani, and others,

# Major staff shortage cripples NMC health services



**Nagpur 19 June:** A severe staff crunch in the Nagpur Municipal Corporation's (NMC) health department has raised alarm, with 1,300 out of 1,588 sanctioned posts lying vacant. The data, revealed through an RTI query, points to a collapsing healthcare system struggling to serve over 2.5 million residents. Currently, only 293 officials and employees are managing the workload meant for more than 1,500. Despite the NMC having a network of hospitals, primary health centers, and health sub-centers, the shortage is severely impacting day-to-day healthcare delivery. Social activist Abhay Kolarkar noted that 36 out of 58 staff categories have zero appointments. Key posts such as Chief Medical Officer, Pediatrician, Surgeon, Gynecologist, and even ambulance drivers and sanitation workers remain unfilled, posing a threat to

public health and emergency response. While a senior NMC official claimed that contractual staff are covering essential duties, experts argue that short-term hiring cannot substitute experienced, permanent professionals. Of the total positions, 1,017 are old and 664 newly approved, but recruitment has failed to keep pace—reflecting administrative neglect. The vacancy includes technical and support staff like ECG technicians, physiotherapists, lab assistants, and public health nurses, severely compromising basic services. As the city heads into a post-pandemic world, residents are questioning whether such an understaffed system can meet their health needs. Public confidence is eroding, and calls for urgent, transparent action are growing louder.

# Savitribai Phule Nagar residents stuck in land ownership limbo for nearly 40 years

**Nagpur 19 June:** For over 4,500 residents of Savitribai Phule Nagar in East Nagpur, the wait for land rights continues—even after living on the same 14-acre stretch since the 1980s. Notified as a slum in 1991, this community remains in legal limbo, caught in a tangle of conflicting claims between government agencies. Despite paying property tax since 1987, residents are still labelled as encroachers, with no official recognition or security over their homes. Documents accessed via the RTI Act reveal how bureaucratic confusion has stalled regularisation. The land, under mouza Babulkheda (khasra no. 10/3), has been mapped and re-mapped with inconsistent results. In 2019, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) appointed a private agency to conduct a survey, but only 149 houses were identified—far fewer than the 800+ structures visible on site. The survey was riddled with gaps, skipping entire lanes and selecting homes arbitrarily. When NMC sent the data to the City Survey Office, it cleared only 98 houses and marked the rest as being on land owned by the Nagpur Improvement Trust (NIT). But NIT denied any ownership and rejected the findings. In a 2023 resurvey, 806 houses were finally recorded, yet NIT again claimed it had no 7/12 record for the land. Adding to the confusion,



NMC recently declared the land as private property—a move that complicates regularisation. But under state policy, all slums formed before 2011—even on private land—are eligible for regularisation. "This isn't mismanagement—it's systemic failure," said Pritam Khadatkhar, who is leading the residents' legal efforts. A PIL is now being prepared, as families continue to fight for basic recognition, stability, and dignity—a right long overdue. Savitribai Phule Nagar Land Title Crisis: Key Takeaways

Decades of Neglect Despite Legal Eligibility

Though Savitribai Phule Nagar was notified as a slum in 1991 and residents have paid property taxes since 1987, over 4,500 people still lack land titles due to a series of administrative contradictions and legal misclassifications. Flawed and Contradictory Surveys

The initial 2019 survey listed just 149 houses, ignoring hundreds more. A later 2023 survey identified 806 structures, yet confusion persisted as agencies disagreed on ownership—City Survey cited NIT as owner, while NIT denied any land records or ownership. Breakdown of Inter-Agency Coordination

Years of correspondence between NMC, NIT, and City Survey yielded no resolution, with missing or disputed land records (such as the 7/12 extract) compounding the legal uncertainty and halting any progress toward regularisation. Rights Blocked by Misclassification

In a move that contradicts state policy allowing regularisation of pre-2011 slums—including those on private land—NMC recently declared the slum as stripping residents of their rights to ownership, loans, and legal protection.

# VIALEW, Nagpur successfully hosted an Exclusive session on 'Mastering The Sales Funnels'



**Nagpur 19 June:** Lady Entrepreneurs' Wing of Vidarbha Industries Association (VIALEW) organized the Session on "Mastering the Sales Funnel" on 18th June 2025 at VIA Auditorium, Nagpur. Sales funnel is a tool in Sales Management which helps an entrepreneur methodically reach out to their respective target market in business. The enterprising members of VIA LEW got together today to discuss on the topic "Mastering a sales funnel in business." Sanjay Singh, Founder of The School of Sales, Nagpur was the lead faculty for this program. The key deliverables of the session postulated steps like listing all possible customer silos, selecting silos to work upon, developing the sales funnel for each silo, curating the tool kit for each silo, framing metrics to measure the performance of each silo and growing further only on silos relevant to the business. He said in today's age, automation of the Sales Funnel by making use of AI tools, Automation tools, CRM tools and Collaboration tools formed an interesting part of the overall discussion. Members of VIA LEW could appreciate the importance of "Aim and Shoot" Vs "Spray and

Pray" policy in business. It is always desirable to aim on relevant customer silos and thereafter build the sales funnel for the same rather than spreading funds thin by trying all possible customer silos and becoming successful in none of them. Earlier, Rashmi Kulkarni, Chairperson VIALEW in her opening remarks said that sales funnel strategies are crucial for entrepreneurs as they provide a structured approach to convert potential customers into paying clients, streamline the sales process, and improve overall business performance. Manisha Bawankar, Project Director & Past Chairperson—VIALEW welcomed guests and speaker and Sonali Chitre LEW Member introduced guest speaker. Yogita Deshmukh, Secretary—LEW proposed a formal vote of thanks. Prominently present were VIALEW Advisory Member—Sarita Pawar Immd Past Chairperson—Poonam Lala, Past Chairpersons—Vandana Sharma, Reeta Lanjewar, EC Member—Poonam Gupta along with LEW members, lady Entrepreneurs attended the program also attended by MSMEs, Entrepreneurs and the members of the Wing.

# Central Nagpur legislator demands urgent drain cleaning in constituency

**Nagpur 19 June:** Central Nagpur MLA Pravin Datke recently criticised the civic administration for its failure to complete desilting of key drains ahead of monsoon. The BJP leader, accompanied by former corporators and party functionaries, reviewed flood-mitigation efforts in a high-level meeting with Municipal Commissioner Abhijeet Chaudhari and civic officials at Nagpur Municipal Corporation's headquarters in Civil Lines. Datke directed NMC to prioritise cleaning operations in areas like Hatti Nala, Rahatekarwadi Nala, Jamdar School vicinity, Lendi Talao stretch, and the drain near Raman Science Centre. "Water stagnation and garbage blockages in these drains have become a recurring nightmare for citizens. Immediate action must be taken before heavy rains arrive," he told officials,



warning of public backlash if negligence continues. The meeting also exposed past civic failures. BJP City president and former Mayor Dayashankar Tiwari criticised the administration for disbanding a zonal desilting team that earlier handled stormwater drains in narrow Central Nagpur lanes. "Now a centralised team is overburdened, and our zones are neglected," he said. Tiwari also criticised the delay in

procuring a Rs1.5 crore 'octopus' sewer machine sanctioned during his tenure, lamenting that NMC continues to rent equipment instead. "Public suffering has peaked, and there's no grievance redressal in the absence of elected corporators," said Datke. "For three years, civic basics are being ignored. If issues aren't resolved within a month, we will take to the streets," he warned.

# After tragic fire, NMC cracks down on illegal godowns at Jai Kamal Complex

**Nagpur 19 June:** Following the tragic fire incident that claimed two lives at Jai Kamal Complex in Mahal, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has launched a strict action drive targeting fire safety violations. On Tuesday, officials from the Ganjipeth Fire Station served notices to 78 units in the building—including 44 shops and 34 residential flats—for not having basic firefighting systems in place. The notices were issued under Section 6 of the Maharashtra Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures Act, just days after a fire broke out on June 14 in a flat that was being illegally used as a godown. The fire, which started during welding work, led to the tragic deaths of NK Light House owner Girish Khatri and his employee Vitthal due to suffocation. A welder also sustained critical injuries with severe burns. The presence of flammable materials stored in the flat made the fire even worse. Shockingly, fire officials have found firecrackers stored in two other flats on the first and third floors, both reportedly owned by the Khatri family. This discovery has raised even more serious concerns about the open violation of fire safety rules in a residential building. The Khatri family is also among those who have been served notices for these violations. The Jai Kamal Complex, comprising two wings—one with five floors above ground and the other with four—has come under fire for unauthorized commercial use beyond the approved ground-plus-one level. City officials have now launched a



detailed investigation into the building's sanctioned purpose, approved layout, and zoning compliance. All unit holders have been instructed to submit relevant documents, including ownership records, approved building plans, and details of current usage, within a set deadline. Chief Fire Officer Tushar Barahate confirmed the enforcement drive, stating that further steps would be taken based on the responses received. He also noted that the Khatri family has begun vacating the flats they had illegally converted into godowns. Local residents, still shaken by the tragic incident, are calling for strict measures, including the immediate sealing of illegal godowns. While the fire department's recent action is seen as the beginning of a broader cleanup operation, many locals feel the response has been delayed and that preventive action should have come much earlier.

# Nagpur to host state level U-19 badminton selection tournament from June 25

**Nagpur 19 June:** The Nagpur District Badminton Association (NDBA), in collaboration with the Maharashtra Badminton Association (MBA), is set to host the Diffusion Engineer Ltd Presents Yonex-Sunrise Maharashtra First Junior State U-19 Selection Badminton Tournament at the Arundhati Arun Badminton Academy in Besa, Nagpur. The tournament will take place from June 25, 2025. The event will bring together some of the most promising young shuttlers from across Maharashtra, competing in five main categories—boys' singles, girls' singles, boys' doubles, girls' doubles, and mixed doubles. Organisers have confirmed that the tournament will follow all regulations laid out by the Badminton World Federation (BWF), including dress code requirements and structured protest protocols. The event also carries a total prize purse of Rs 2,08,000, and will serve as a key selection platform for



athletes aiming to represent Maharashtra in the upcoming West Zone Badminton Championship 2025. Entries are to be submitted online via the official MBA portal (www.mbaso.in), with approval from the respective district secretaries. The deadline for registration is June 19, and the official draw will be released on June 24 on the MBA website and at the venue. The tournament is being organised under the guidance of MBA president Arun Lakhani and senior vice-president Mangesh Kashikar, who is also serving as the tournament secretary.

# AIIMS Nagpur sets national benchmarks at best practices conclave

**Nagpur 19 June:** AIIMS Nagpur, one of the youngest AIIMS in India, made a powerful impression at the best practices conclave hosted on its campus. With impactful presentations, field-tested innovations, and academic strength, it earned praise and adoption interest from across the AIIMS network. The two-day conclave concluded

on Saturday. Representatives from 23 AIIMS institutions across India were in Nagpur for this event. Health secretary Punya Salila Srivastava chaired the conclave. "AIIMS institutions form the backbone of India's healthcare system, and young institutes like Nagpur are showing how fast, meaningful progress is possible when guided by

clear vision and regional commitment," said Srivastava while addressing one of the sessions. The secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and joint secretary of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) conducted on-ground assessment rounds of AIIMS Nagpur facilities during the conclave.



## Ban on mobile phones in schools? MLA Sumit Wankhede to raise issue in state assembly following teacher's research

**Chandur Railway 19 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** In an effort to safeguard the future of the next generation, a proposal to ban mobile phones in all schools across Maharashtra is likely to be raised in the upcoming monsoon session of the state assembly. Arvi Constituency MLA Sumit Wankhede is expected to draw the government's attention to this growing concern, based on a detailed research study conducted by teacher Sudhir Kenne from Amravati district. Notably, MLA Wankhede has also written to Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis requesting a state-wide ban on mobile phone usage among students in schools.



Sudhir Kenne, a secondary school teacher at Vandanyiya Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Vidyalyaya in Chandur Taluka of Amravati district, has conducted a comprehensive five-year research study on the effects of mobile phone usage by school students. His study includes recorded observations of student behavior and expert opinions from pediatricians, psychiatrists, ophthalmologists,

orthopedic specialists, and neurologists. According to medical experts interviewed during the study, mobile addiction is increasingly leading to serious health issues among students, including cancer risks, neck and spinal problems, forgetfulness, irritability, vision loss, and dizziness. These health concerns, combined with behavioral issues, are reportedly threatening the future well-being of the younger generation. The excessive use of

mobile games and social media is also leading to rising aggression among students. A recent incident in Amravati, where a firearm was reportedly found in a student's schoolbag, has further raised alarms. Drawing parallels with global trends, the report highlights how developed nations like Australia have enacted laws banning social media use among students. Similarly, the Bohra community has also enforced a ban on mobile phones for children. Inspired

### State Council Recognises Innovative Initiative

As part of his research, Kenne implemented a mobile ban for students from Classes 5 to 12 in his school. The results indicated a significant improvement in students' attentiveness and academic performance, along with reduced laziness. His efforts and innovative initiative have been officially recognized and honored by the Maharashtra State Council of Educational Research and Training (MSCERT), Pune. This development could potentially pave the way for a state-wide policy on mobile usage in educational institutions, aimed at fostering a healthier and more focused learning environment for students.

## ADCCB responds to allegations levelled by opposition directors

**Amravati 19 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):**

In response to accusations made by opposition director Ravindra Gaygole regarding the functioning of the Amravati District Central Cooperative Bank, ruling board members have presented their version of the facts. Addressing the allegations, they pointed to the bank's consistent profitability over the last four years: Rs 81 crore in 2021, Rs 29 crore in 2022, Rs 57 crore in 2023, and Rs 34 crore in 2024. This year's profit dipped primarily due to delays in government interest reimbursements and salary increments amounting to Rs 6.24 crore annually. Previously, salary hikes added only Rs 40 lakh per year to expenses. Despite this, the bank recorded a provisional gross profit of Rs 59 crore as of March 2025. Loan disbursement targets have been consistently exceeded, with Rs 589 crore in 2023 and Rs 647 crore in 2024. The bank has already disbursed Rs 611 crore this year, moving steadily toward its September 2025 target of Rs 750 crore. Deposits have reached an all-time high of Rs 2,400 crore, up from Rs 1,900 crore over the



last two years. The bank's share capital now stands at Rs 111 crore. In terms of new initiatives, the bank has launched several farmer-friendly, government-subsidized schemes including the National Livestock Mission (NLM), solar power loans, and educational loans. Addressing concerns about infrastructure, the board noted that many branches lacked basic restroom facilities or were in poor condition. Renovations were carried out based on approvals granted during the tenure of the previous chairman. The board also justified hardware upgrades, citing outdated equipment—over 12 years old—that caused operational difficulties and was incompatible with current software systems. In conclusion, the ruling directors reaffirmed that the bank's operations are sound and progressing positively, with all decisions made in the interest of members and stakeholders.

## Contempt petition will be filed if farmers' loans not waived

**KALAMB / NAGPUR**

**POST:** After the minister gave written assurances that a high-level committee would be formed for farmer loan waiver and a decision would be taken as soon as its report comes, and some other assurances, Prahar Janshakti Party founder and former minister Bachchu Kadu withdrew the hunger strike. However, we do not trust the government. Former Congress Kalamb taluka president Babasaheb Darne said that we will file a contempt petition in the High Court against the government for not accepting the High Court's decision. The Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister had assured the legislature that the farmers deprived of this scheme would get loan



waiver soon. But these farmers did not get loan waiver. Since the said farmers were in arrears in the eyes of the bank, the banks stopped giving crop loans to them. Finally, some farmers including Babasaheb Darne, farmers from Pimpri in

Kalamb taluka, filed a petition against the government in the Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court. On this, the court gave a verdict in favor of the farmers on May 3, 2024. After that, the Collector ordered the officials to prepare a list of the farmers who were deprived of the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Shetkari Samman Yojana. After the official list was prepared, it was sent to the government. But even after a year, the loan waiver has not been received. However, we will wait for another fifteen days and then file a petition again for contempt of court, said Babasaheb Darne resident of Hiwara Darne and former taluka president of the Congress party Kalamb taluka.

## Action taken on illegal sand transportation in Talegaon Dashasar

**Talegaon Dashasar 19 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):**

A case of illegal sand transportation was uncovered today at Mouza Talegaon Dashasar. Acting under the guidance of the Hon'ble Tehsildar, the administration swiftly carried out action against the offenders. The operation was successfully executed by Revenue Officer Sangeeta Dharane, along with Village Assistant Vijay Gate, Milind Sirsat, Kishor Jarhad, and Kotwal Ajay Nerkar. Authorities have intensified monitoring to curb such unlawful activities in the region. Further investigation is underway.



## Coarse Grain & Oilseed Mission to support warehouse construction and oil extraction units

**Akola 19 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):**

District Agriculture Superintendent Shankar Kirwe has called on Farmer Producer Companies and related organizations to submit proposals for support under the Coarse Grain and Oilseed Mission before the end of July.

### Warehouse Facility

To improve grain storage and add value to produce, the scheme offers support for constructing 250 MT capacity warehouses. Beneficiaries will receive a subsidy of 50% of the actual cost or Rs 12.5 lakh (whichever is lower).

Eligible organizations must submit project proposals to banks under the Central Government's Rural Storage Scheme or NABARD guidelines.

After loan approval, the beneficiary organization will qualify for the subsidy. If applications exceed the district's target, beneficiaries will be selected through a lottery by the District Executive Committee.

### Oil Extraction Units (10 Ton Capacity)

Under the 2025-26 National Edible Oil Mission, support is extended to

government/private industries, FPCs, and cooperatives to establish oil extraction units (10-ton capacity) and processing units for oilseeds. Eligible entities can receive 33% of the project cost or a maximum of Rs 9.90 lakh (whichever is lower). As the scheme is loan-linked, interested applicants must present their proposals to banks.

Once the loan is approved, they will be eligible for the subsidy. Applications must be submitted to the Taluka Agriculture Officer before the end of July.

## Domestic Workers' Day celebrated with enthusiasm in Amravati

### Emphasis on rights, health, and legal awareness laid

**Amravati 19 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):**

A special program was organized at Rahul Nagar, Amravati, to mark World Domestic Workers' Day with enthusiasm and purpose. The event was hosted by the ShramSafalya Domestic Workers' Organization and centered around educating women about their rights, health concerns, and legal protections. The program began with Sheetal Waghmare informing the attendees about various schemes and welfare initiatives available to domestic workers from both the central and state governments. She emphasized the need for women to stay united and collectively demand proper and timely implementation of these schemes from the



authorities.

Legal expert Neelima Bhatkar provided valuable insights into the legal rights of domestic workers. She highlighted that many women are unaware of their rights and legal protections while performing household

work, which often leaves them vulnerable to exploitation. Bhatkar urged the participants to educate themselves about the law and speak out against injustice. Priti Moon, a counselor from the District Women's Hospital,

Amravati, addressed the health issues commonly faced by domestic workers. She explained the physical toll of continuous labor and stressed the importance of regular health check-ups and proper medical guidance to prevent long-

term health problems. The event was attended by Bhagyashree Khadekar (President, ShramSafalya Domestic Workers' Organization), Harsha Sagne (President, Kranti Navnirmiti National Organization), along with Joshna Wankhade, Shubhangi Varghat, Eshwari Tayawade, Sujata Tayade, Rani Banode, Pallavi Khandare, Sunita Dhakade, Chhaya Tembhurne, Geeta Dharmapalli, and other office-bearers and members of the organization in large numbers. The organizers extended heartfelt thanks to all the speakers and attendees for making the event a success. The gathering concluded with a call for continued unity and awareness among domestic workers to safeguard their rights and dignity.

## Farmers in dilemma over Kharif & Rabi crop insurance for 2025

**Chandur Bazar 19 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):**

Farmers are confused and concerned following the recent decision to discontinue the Rs 1 crore insurance scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) from the Kharif 2025 season. The Maharashtra government has issued a directive to this effect through a letter dated March 26. Previously, the state government had borne the farmers' contribution toward the scheme, significantly increasing participation—twice as many for Kharif and up to ten times more for Rabi crops. However, allegations of misuse, including insurance on temple and government-owned lands, prompted a policy rollback. Now, farmers will need to pay their share of the premium again. The newly revised scheme excludes several specific risk triggers, such as sowing failure due to adverse weather, mid-season calamities, post-harvest losses, and local natural disasters. Compensation will now be based solely on crop-cutting experiments. With this narrowing of coverage, farmer representatives are questioning the scheme's real benefits.



will farmers still participate in the scheme this year?" he questioned. The revised premium rates are now fixed at 2% for Kharif crops, 1.5% for Rabi, and 5% for commercial crops, aligning with central government norms.

Many fear that these increased contributions may further discourage genuine farmers already facing economic strain.

Pushpak Shriramji Khapre, farmer representative on the Amravati District Crop Insurance Committee, expressed concern over the exclusion of critical risk factors. "We had earlier raised these issues in meetings, but now with these four risk triggers removed,

## Janaki Nagar power line's repair work in full swing

### Temporary change in traffic on Ring Road

**Nagpur 19 June:** MSSEDCL has geared up to ensure uninterrupted power supply to electricity consumers in South Nagpur. The work of repairing the 11 KV Janaki Nagar underground power line under the road between Besa Power House square and Mhalgi Nagar square has been undertaken. Due to this important activity, excavation work is required near Ring Road on Friday (June 20) and Saturday (June 21). Temporary changes have been made to the traffic regarding the development. The MSSEDCL and the Traffic department authorities have appealed to motorists to cooperate by using alternative routes. Due to the repair of the faulty power line, the road stretch between Besa Power House square and Mhalgi Nagar square will be completely closed for sake of repair work. During this period, changes have been made to the traffic in order to avoid traffic congestion and inconvenience to motorists. The road stretch between Besa Power House square and Mhalgi Nagar square is being closed and all types of traffic passing through Besa Power House square is being diverted as follows.

\* Take a left turn from Besa Power House square, take a right turn from Sant Gajanan Nagar square, take a right turn from New Nehru Nagar square and proceed via Mhalgi Nagar square. Traffic going from Dighori flyover via Mhalgi Nagar square and from Tanbagh via Chamat Chakki to Mhalgi Nagar square as well as heavy traffic going from Dighori Naka via Chamat Chakki square to Mhalgi Nagar square is being diverted as follows.

Chamat Chakki square below Dighori flyover and proceed via Dighori Naka to Jabalpur Highway square as per convenience. Traffic going from Taj Bagh to Mhalgi Nagar square via Chamat Chakki square will proceed straight from Chamat Chakki square via Dighori Naka and take a right turn from Jabalpur Highway square as per convenience.

\* Heavy vehicles going from Dighori Naka square to Chamat Chakki square will take a U-turn from Chamat Chakki square and take a U-turn from Dighori Naka to Jabalpur Highway square.

This directive will be in effect from June 20 to June 21. Citizens should take cognizance of these changes and cooperate so that important infrastructure work in the city can be completed safely and on time. MSSEDCL and Transport Branch have appealed to consider these changes while planning their journey. Power outage in Ganeshpath area this morning. For the repair of the power line as well as regular maintenance and repair work, the power supply on the 11 KV Ganeshpath high-voltage line will be interrupted on Friday (June 20) from 9 am to 12 noon. Due to this work, power supply in the areas of Ganeshpath, Model Mill square, Gadikhana, Joharipura, Ram Coolers square, Jog Galli, Singada Market, Ambedkar Library, Bajrang square, Chandipura, Cotton Market square will be affected. MSSEDCL has appealed to the cooperation of the consumers so that the repair work is completed on time and the citizens get regular power supply as soon as possible.

## Vertex Coaching Classes achieves outstanding results in MHT-CET 2025



**Amravati 19 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):**

Vertex Coaching Classes, a leading institute based in Nehru Nagar, Dhamangaon Railway and Amravati, has once again proved its academic excellence by delivering exceptional results in the MHT-CET 2025 examination. The institute has produced a series of high scorers, reflecting the quality of its teaching and the dedication of its students. Among the top achievers, Sanchita Chandrakant Shende secured a remarkable 98 percentile, followed closely by Samyak Gautam Gajbiye with 97.72 percentile and Anup Bhojraj Nikhar with 97.37 percentile. Several other students also scored above 90 percentile, including Shreyas Santosh Mete (95.88), Rupel Chandrashekhar Mete (93.27), Prachi Chavhan (89.17), Atharva Sanjay Satore (92.99), and Shivam Ganesh Shirbhate (91.70).

The strong performance continues with Aditya Prakash Shete (89.49), Ishwari Ingle (89.27), Prachi Chavhan (89.17), Sujal Rajendra Chavan (89.14), and Siddhi Pravin Lokhande (88.62), among others. Govind Jitendra Bhaiyya (87.03) and Jay

Dhoke (85.20) are also among the proud list of high scorers trained at the coaching center. Adding to this stellar lineup are Gayatri Deshmukh with 80.77 percentile, Harish Tidke with 80.12, Saloni Awchar with 80.07, and Tushar Ranjit Bhoje with 80.00 percentile – further demonstrating the consistent performance across a wide range of students at Vertex. Speaking about this achievement, the management of Vertex Coaching Classes expressed immense pride in their students' success. "These results are a testament to our continuous efforts in providing focused guidance, quality study material, and a nurturing academic environment.

We congratulate all our students for their hard work and dedication," NUTAN RUSHIKESH SHAHAKAR (Director) stated. Vertex Coaching Classes has become a trusted name in the region, known for preparing students for competitive exams with personalized mentoring and consistent academic support. With this impressive result in MHT-CET 2025, the institute has strengthened its position as a leading coaching center in the area.

## General Manager honours 12 employees with safety awards



**Nagpur 19 June:**

Shri Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway, felicitated 12 employees with Safety Awards in a ceremony held at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT), Mumbai on 17.06.2025. The awardees include 6 from Mumbai Division, 3 from Pune, 2 from Bhusaval, and 1 from Nagpur Division. These awards recognize the alertness and timely actions of railway employees that helped avert potential mishaps and

ensured safe train operations in recent months. Each award comprises a medal, commendation certificate, citation, and a cash reward of Rs 2 thousand. From Nagpur Division, Shri M.P. Dev, Loco Pilot (Mail), was awarded for his alertness on duty with Train No. 22691 Bengaluru-Hazrat Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express on 30.03.2025. While working the train on the Multai-Jaulkheda section, he sensed rough riding and stopped the train

at IBH signal. Inspection revealed serious track defects, and his prompt action helped prevent a major accident. Shri Prateek Goswami, Additional General Manager, Shri Chandra Kishore Prasad, Principal Chief Safety Officer, and other Principal Heads of Departments and senior officials were present. The GM congratulated the awardees and stated that such dedication inspires others to uphold the highest safety standards in railway operations.