

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

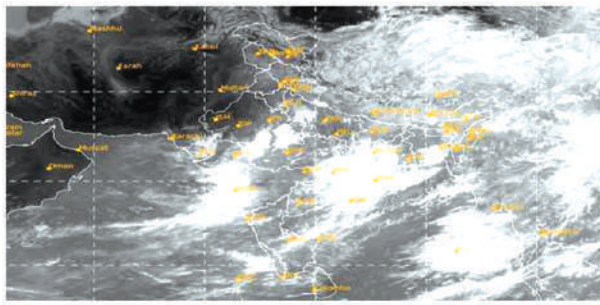
Mumbai, June 19 (UNI) Air India announced that it is reducing international flights on widebody aircraft by 15 per cent "until at least mid-July", officials said on Thursday. The airline operates about 70 international flights daily on its widebody fleet. Multiple factors, including airspace closures 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 Hexamid 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.

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.



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.

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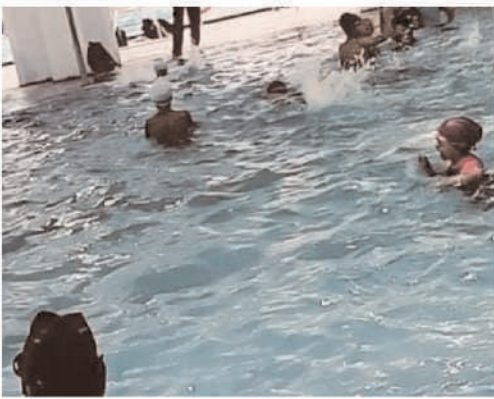
A public welfare centric decision has been taken by CM Devendra Fadnis to provide rental leases to slum dwellers who have been living in Nagpur city for many years. The scheme has become a good governance model for regimes elsewhere too. As many as 426 slum dwellers have been provided with their rightful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

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 Mandekar 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 Mandekar 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.

Work sites on May 24 and instructed all agencies to ensure that debris is cleared and that ongoing work does not obstruct the flow of water during the monsoon. "It was my specific instruction to all involved that none of the ongoing work should prove to be an obstruction to the overflow of water during the rainy season in the Nag river," 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."

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Aranya Rishi' Maruti Chitampalli passes away at 93

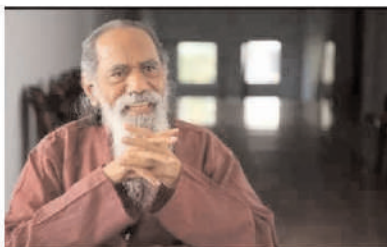
Nagpur 19 June: Maruti Bhujangrao Chitampalli, the legendary forest officer, naturalist, and Marathi writer who taught generations of Maharashtrians to read the forest like a sacred text, passed away on Wednesday, June 18, at the age of 93.

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 first-hand 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.

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 knifepoint

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 knifepoint 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.

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

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 to 15,000 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.

MP Pratibha Dhanorkar demands structural audit of all bridges in Chandrapur district

Chandrapur 19 June: MP Pratibha Dhanorkar has demanded a structural audit of all bridges in Chandrapur district. She has put forth the demand before Public Works Department Minister Shivendraraje Bhosale. The demand has been highlighted in view of the growing concerns regarding the safety and structural integrity of existing bridges amid onset of monsoon looming large. In her memorandum, MP Pratibha Dhanorkar laid emphasis on ensuring safety of commuters and avoiding possible accidents. She expressed the possibility that many bridges in the district are old and from a structural robustness point of view, these may have deteriorated over time due to heavy traffic plying along, adverse weather conditions and lack of regular maintenance. The safety of our citizens is of utmost importance, MP Pratibha Dhanorkar said. A thorough structural audit is therefore necessary in order to identify any deficiencies or damage in the



bridges and in order to immediately carry out the necessary repairs or reconstruction.

This will not only avoid accidents but also ensure smooth & enhanced connectivity in the district. MP Pratibha Dhanorkar has urged the Minister to accelerate the process and provide the necessary resources & manpower for carrying out this important audit. Also, a proposal has been put forth before the

Public Works Department Minister to prepare a draft for construction of a new railway bridge on the route from Bus Stand to Priyadarshini square and the parliamentary sought its speedy approval. MP Pratibha Dhanorkar said in the memorandum that it is very necessary to construct a new railway bridge adjacent to it as the old railway bridge is several years old. As the existing railway bridge is old and narrow, there is always traffic congestion along this route.

Due to this, passengers, especially students and commuters who are daily wage earners, have to face a lot of trouble. This issue needs to be resolved immediately. If there is a new, state of the art and large railway bridge, the flow of traffic in the city will become smoother, travel time will be reduced and number of road mishaps taking place will decrease by leaps and bounds. MP Dhanorkar has appealed to the Minister to give urgent priority to this project.

Path for Kuwadad (Kotitola) medium irrigation project cleared

Legislator Sanjay Puram's efforts bear fruit

Salekasa 19 June

(NAGPUR POST/TC):

With the objective of providing irrigation facilities to farmers of Jambhali, Nimba, Bakalsra, Kahali, Pipariya, Latori, Khudepar, Pandhri, Phaladauna and other gram panchayats of the tehsil, the then irrigation minister and local legislator senior BJP leader Mahadeorao Shivankar had presented the proposal of Kuwadad (Kotitola) medium irrigation project before the government. From that time till now, almost all the legislators except MLA Sahasram Korote made continuous efforts for the realisation of this project. During his tenure from 2014 to 2019, MLA Sanjay Puram also worked hard for this project, but he did not get success at that time ended up being defeated in the 2019



legislative assembly elections. After this setback, Sanjay Puram did not look back and instead came out all guns blazing to register a landslide victory in the recently concluded 2024 legislative assembly elections. After becoming a legislator again, he has initiated every effort to ensure acceleration and convincing execution of this project. Finally, on Tuesday (June 17), his efforts bore fruit and Irrigation Minister Girish

Mahajan approved the project. He also sanctioned a fund of Rs 350 crore for the same. Irrigation Minister Mahajan assured that this amount will be transferred to the concerned department in the supplementary budget. With this approval, the obstacles coming in the way of the project have been removed and the work & follow up of legislator Sanjay Puram is drawing praise from people from all walks of life in the region.

CMD Lokesh Chandra inaugurates 'Online Module' for safety equipment of MSEDCL employees

Nagpur 19 June:

MSEDCL provides 20 to 25 types of personal and common safety equipment to technical employees to carry out maintenance and repair work safely amid power systems. A separate 'T&P Register Module', prepared to provide these safety equipment to the concerned employees swiftly as per the requirement and demand, was inaugurated by Chairman and Managing Director Lokesh Chandra in Nashik. He appealed to the employees to use safety equipment in any adverse situation, especially while working in the power system and to carry out routine maintenance & repair work after ensuring complete safety. With this separate module on MSEDCL's employee portal, the date concerning the availability, distribution, demand, supply and receipt of all safety equipment and materials as well as testing equipment will now be available online. This module was launched by Chairman and Managing Director Lokesh Chandra at a programme organised in the hall of Nashik Divisional Commissionerate. On the occasion, Joint Managing Director of Konkan Division Dilip Jagdale, Director (Operations/Projects) Sachin Talewar, Director (Human Resources Department) Rajendra Pawar, Executive Director Prasad Reshme, Chief General Manager (Training and Safety) Arvind Bhadikar were prominently present. Technical staff of rural and urban branch offices, power substations, testing departments, flying squads, filter units and other installations of MSEDCL are provided with personal items like testers, screwdrivers, rubber gloves, gumboots, raincoats, safety belts, hammocks, shoes as well as common safety tools such as ladders, foldable discharge rods of HT and LT, box



spanners, torches, megger, drill machines and some additional equipment for sake of testing. Till now, the traditional process of registering a written demand for these materials, getting approval for same, making them available and distributing them from the divisional office was in vogue and the process was rather cumbersome. Chairman and Managing Director Lokesh Chandra suggested that this entire process be made online through a separate module so that the technical staff can get the safety equipment immediately as per the

requirement and demand in a hassle free & convenient manner. The Training and Safety and IT departments have jointly created this module. Through this module, the technical staff will be able to request the availability of the required safety equipment with a mere click or press of a button. Along with this, the data of all safety equipment available with employees and at each division level will be available on this module. The online 'T&P Register Module' will make the process of distribution of safety equipment transparent and

hassle free. Also, it will be possible to plan to keep the necessary safety equipment available in the warehouse by making the procurement process convenient and swift. Each material has a separate expiry date which in turn depends on its quality. After the expiry date, it is replaced or if it is damaged before the expiry date approaches, then appropriate action can be taken as per the requirement and situation. A unique facility has also been provided to employees as per which they will be able to register a new demand through this module with just one click.

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 02/2025-2026

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Online Percent Rate Tenders (e-tender) in B-2 form By The Executive Engineer, Integrated Unit (Medical) Public Works, Nagpur. Ph. No. (0712)2744387 Email: integratednagpur.ec@mahapwd.com for The Following Work from registered contractor of appropriate class of Public Works Department Maharashtra State. On Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System <https://maharashtra.tenders.in> Month

Tender Notice No. 02/2025-2026 The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-Tendering Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost in (Lakh.)	Earliest Money in (Lakh.)	Time limit for completion
1	CONSTRUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, DEPARTMENTAL BUILDINGS, WORKSHOP, CANTEN, CENTRAL ANALYTICAL LABORATORY AND AUDITORIUM IN THE LIT UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, NAGPUR	174,36,00,000/-	87,18,000/-	24 month

1) Detailed tender notice can be seen on web site www.mahapwd.com and <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

2) Detailed tender notice can be seen on the website of the undersigned.

3) In the Tender Notice, Tender downloading, Tender opening etc. information available on web site.

4) Right is reserved to reject any or all tender without assigning any reason thereof.

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iQOO launches iQOO Z10 Lite 5G for Fully Loaded 5G Entertainment Experience

New Delhi 19 June:

iQOO, the high-performance smartphone brand, today launched its latest offering – the iQOO Z10 Lite 5G. Designed for today's youth, from college students to users who want to upgrade to a 5G smartphone, the iQOO Z10 Lite 5G delivers a fully loaded entertainment experience, from binge-watching videos and endless online scrolling to attending lectures. With functional features packed into a stylish design, the Z10 Lite 5G offers a smart, reliable companion for all aspects of modern life. Featuring the segment's biggest 6000mAh battery, the iQOO Z10 Lite 5G is built for non-stop entertainment, delivering all-

day power for all day. Powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 6300 5G processor, equipped with smooth 5G connectivity and IP64-rated dust and water resistance, it offers reliable performance and smooth content consumption.

The iQOO Z10 Lite 5G is priced at INR. 9,999 (Net Effective Price: INR 9,499) for the 4GB + 128GB variant; INR 10,999 (Net Effective Price: INR 10,499) for the 6GB + 128GB variant; and INR 12,999 (Net Effective Price: INR 12,499) for the 8GB + 256GB variant. The iQOO Z10 Lite 5G will be available in two color variants: Cyber Green and Titanium Blue. It will go on its first sale starting 25th June at

iQOO e-store and Amazon.in. Additionally, on a purchase of iQOO Z10 Lite, customers can avail a flat INR 500 instant discount on select SBI Credit/Debit cards. Talking about the new addition to the Z series – iQOO Z10 Lite 5G, Nipun Marya, CEO, iQOO, said, "With the iQOO Z10 Lite, we set out to build a phone that truly understands the lifestyle of young India.

Whether it's binge-watching, or staying active on social media – this 5G smartphone is designed to keep up. With a massive 6000mAh battery and a feature set that's fully loaded, it's the perfect companion for college students who want everything without

compromise." Tanmay Shah, Category Leader – Smartphones & Accessories, Amazon India, said, "We are excited to add the iQOO Z10 Lite 5G to our expanding portfolio of 5G smartphones on Amazon.in. Successor to iQOO Z9 Lite 5G, one of the best sellers in the budget 5G segment in 2024, iQOO Z10 Lite 5G is designed to deliver exceptional all-day entertainment and productivity for today's value-conscious consumers who demand reliable performance on the go.

With exciting launch offers, we look forward to bringing this powerful smartphone to millions of customers across the country on Amazon.in"

Sand mafia's terror: Fearless game of death being played on Amgaon roads

Amgaon 19 June:

In Amgaon taluka, tipper trucks loaded with sand and gravel are recklessly speeding through narrow roads, showing no concern for human life.



Crushing someone or crashing into vehicles has become common, while the authorities remain silent spectators. As per reports, tipper trucks run freely on Amgaon, Deori, and Salekasa roads without paying royalty or facing any checks. These trucks are causing huge revenue losses in crores and risking human lives – right under the noses of the tehsildar and police. More than 50 trucks operate daily, illegally transporting minerals. They pass openly

from in front of the tehsil police station, yet there is no action. Recently, in Sakharitola village, a tipper truck crushed an elderly man so badly that his leg was ripped off and he died on the spot. Still, district officials, tehsildars, and police remain inactive.

The public is now asking – Is there political pressure? Are high-ranking officers involved? Or is this just a money game? How long will this deadly game continue on the roads?

Massive ticket checking drive yields Rs 1.38 lakh in a day

Nagpur 19 June:

In a determined move to curb ticketless and irregular travel, the Commercial Department of Central Railway's Nagpur Division conducted a major ticket-checking drive on 19th June 2025. The operation was led by Mr. Alok Kumar Jha, Head Travelling Examiner (TE), Nagpur, as part of his scheduled squad duty in the Itarsi-Nagpur section. During the day-long drive, intensive checking was carried out on four prominent trains – 12792, 22670, 12296, and 03259. As a result, 100 passengers were found travelling without tickets, and 60 passengers were found occupying sleeper class coaches on general class tickets. A total penalty of Rs 1,38,600 was recovered from the erring passengers during the drive.

The action highlights the department's continued efforts to ensure revenue



protection and adherence to travel norms. Such surprise drives not only deter irregular travel but also encourage passengers to follow proper ticketing practices. Central Railway appeals to all travelers to carry valid tickets and travel ethically to avoid inconvenience. More such intensive checks are planned in the coming days to ensure compliance and smooth travel for genuine passengers.

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जाहीर सुचना

महाराष्ट्र शासन नगर विकास विभाग, शासन निर्णय क्र. एनएमआर-3318/प्र.क्र.145/नवि-7, मंत्रालय, मुंबई-32 दिनांक 12 मे, 2023 अन्वये नागपूर प्रकल्पाच्या अंमलबजावणीस सुधारित मान्यता देण्याबाबत (1) खासरी ते एमआयडीसी डुट्टीबोरी (मार्गिका 1-अ दक्षिण मार्गिकेचे विस्तार) (2) लोकमान्य नगर ते हिंगणा (मार्गिका 3-अ पश्चिम मार्गिकेचे विस्तार) या उन्नत मेट्रो मार्ग प्रकल्पास मान्यता देण्यात आली आहे.

Letter No. K-14011/06/2019-MRTS-II Government of India Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi Dated 29th December, 2022 अन्वये केंद्र शासनाने मान्यता दिलेली आहे.

तसेच, नागपूर मेट्रो रेल कार्पोरेशन लि. ही कंपनी दिनांक 18 फेब्रुवारी 2015 रोजी Government of India, MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS, Office of the Registrar of Companies, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India येथे नोंदणी करण्यात आली असून सदर कंपनीचा **Certificate of Incorporation (CIN) No. U60100MH2015SGC262054** हा आहे.

सध्यास्थितीत सदर कंपनीचे नाव महाराष्ट्र मेट्रो रेल कार्पोरेशन लिमिटेड (महा-मेट्रो) दिनांक 23 जानेवारी 2017 पासून करण्यात आले असून CIN No. वर नमूद केल्या प्रमाणेच आहे.

नागपूर मेट्रो रेल्वे प्रकल्पाचे मार्गिका 1-अ दक्षिण मार्गिकेचे विस्तार गोंहगांव मेघदुत सिडको वायाडवट करिता, या रस्तेकडील मौजा-मोहगांव, तह. नागपूर (ग्रा), जिल्हा नागपूर, येथील सर्व्हे क्रं. 24 मधील श्री. विशाल देविलाल जैस्वाल यांची एकूण आराजी पैकी 4.75 हेअर (47500 चौमी) पैकी 1835 चौमी व सर्व्हे क्रं. 11, मधील श्री चंद्रप्रकाश गोपीराम जेजानी यांची एकूण आराजी 0.75 हेअर (7500 चौमी) पैकी 473 चौमी जमीन बाधीत होत आहे.

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ही जाहीर नोटीस प्रसिद्ध झाल्याच्या दिनांकापासून 15 दिवसांचे आत जमीनीच्या मालकी हक्काबाबत व न्यायालयीन दाव्याबाबत जमीन मालकांकडून किंवा हित संबंधित व्यक्तींकडून प्राप्त झालेल्या हरकतीची किंवा सुचनांची चौकशी करण्यात येईल आणि संबंधित हरकतीच्या आणि सुचनांच्या समर्थनार्थ तोंडी वा कागदोपत्री पुरावा सादर करण्यासाठी जातीने किंवा कोणत्याही कायदेशिर व्यक्तीमार्फत उपस्थित राहण्याची मुगा असेल. मुदतीत कोणतेही हरकत न आल्यास सदरील जमीन मालकांची निष्कत निवेद व निजोखीम असल्याचे समजून सरळ खरेदीचा व्यवहार करण्यात येईल. दिलेल्या मुदतीनंतर कोणाचीही हरकत आल्यास ती या कार्यालयास कायदेशीररित्या बंधनकारक राहणार नाही. याची तगाम सर्व लोकांनी नोंद घ्यावी.

शासन निर्णय दिनांक 12/05/2015 व दिनांक 30/09/2015 आणि महसूल व वन विभाग, शासन परिपत्रक क्र. एलक्यूएन-01/2017/प्र.क्र.12/अ-2 दिनांक 25/01/2017 अन्वये सिव्हील व इतर प्रकल्पांसाठी खाजगी क्षेत्रातील जमीन वाटाघाटीद्वारे थेट खरेदी पध्दतीने याच्यात घेण्यासाठी अनुसरावयाच्या कार्यपध्दतीनुसार उपविभागीय अधिकारी नागपूर (ग्रा), यांचे कार्यालयातर्फे कार्यवाही करण्यात येत आहे.

खाजगी वाटाघाटीद्वारे थेट खरेदी पध्दतीने घेण्यात येणाऱ्या जमीनीचे प्रकरण क्रं. /अ-65/2024-25 विवरण खालील प्रमाणे आहे.

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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 artistic lens. 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



World 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

ON 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. Iran'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 is therapy, it is 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 Jamaai 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 Jamaai 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 Vasantpur 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 Dasharath, 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 Mahajan 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."

Contractor negligence jeopardises water supply, affects thousands of citizens

Nagpur 19 June: In the past 24 hours, the water supply in several areas of the city has been severely affected due to damages caused at seven different locations by other contractors involved in development works. On June 16, 17, 18, and 19 during ongoing construction activities at Pratap Nagar Chowk, Bijli Nagar (Civil Lines), Hasanbagh Gate, Sharda Mata Chowk, Vaishnodevi Chowk, Pratap Nagar, and Ravi Nagar Square various contractors damaged crucial water pipelines. As a result, thousands of households across the city are facing water shortages.

These incidents have significantly disrupted the regular water supply service, leading to a sharp increase in customer complaints. The demand for water tankers has surged and has now exceeded OCW's supply capacity. OCW has promptly informed the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) about these incidents to take necessary actions. Water pipeline damage has been occurring for several months, but the frequency has increased manifold in recent times. In June alone, a total of 17 instances of damage have been caused by third-party contractors, causing severe inconvenience to the citizens of Nagpur. Multiple incidents have occurred in just the last five days, as detailed below.

Details of the incidents:
■ June 16, 2025 – 8:00 PM, Pratapanagar Chowk: A 150 mm distribution pipeline was damaged by M/s BCC Transco during cable laying. Around 900 residents of Telecom Nagar, Ramkrishna Nagar, Gawande Layout, Trisharan Nagar, Shastri Layout, Trust Colony, Central Excise Colony, and Pioneer Society are without water. Repairs are pending for over 48 hours.

■ June 17, 2025 – 2:00 PM, near Bijli Nagar, Civil Lines: A 700 mm feeder main was damaged by M/s Shri Combines

(Optical Fibre consumer). Around 22,000 consumers in Reshimbagh CA, Hanuman Nagar CA, and Old & New Wanjari Nagar under Dhantoli zone are affected. The contractor refused to repair the damage, so OCW deployed its own team.

■ June 17, 2025 – 4:00 PM, near Hasanbagh Gate: A 200 mm distribution line

was damaged by T&T Infra Pvt. Ltd. (NHA works). Around 4,000 residents in Hasanbagh, Nandanvan slum, KDK College area, Venkatesh Nagar, Kavelu Quarters, and LIG-MIG Quarters are affected. Repairs by the contractor are still pending.

■ June 17, 2025 – 7:00 PM, Sharda Mata Chowk, Gittikhadan: A 150 mm pipeline was damaged by M/s S.S. Communication (Reliance Jio). Around 500 residents in Mahesh Nagar, Mama Chowk, Ahbab Colony, and Borgao under Gittikhadan CA are without water. Contractor has not yet initiated repairs.

■ June 17, 2025 – 8:00 PM, Vaishnodevi Chowk (in front of MIG Colony): A 400 mm inlet feeder supplying water to Bharatwadi ESR was damaged by a contractor laying MSEB cables. Around 3,500 residents in the Bharatwadi (Deshpande Layout) ESR CA are affected. As the contractor refused to act, OCW's repair team was deployed.

■ June 18, 2025 – 8:00 PM, Pratap Nagar Square: M/s BCC Transco once again damaged the Pratap Nagar (AMRUT) distribution feeder main during HDD operations. About 2,500 residents under Pratap Nagar (AMRUT) ESR CA have been impacted. The contractor failed to repair the damage overnight; work commenced the next morning and is currently ongoing.

Virtual Galaxy Infotech posts 97.05% rise in PAT at Rs 32.12 Crore in FY 2025

Nagpur 19 June: Virtual Galaxy Infotech Limited, a leading player in hybrid SaaS and enterprise software solutions, registered 97.05 per cent rise in net profit on a standalone basis at Rs 32.12 crore for the year ended March 31, 2025, as compared with Rs 16.30 crore in 2023-24. Revenue from operations on standalone basis increased by 95.48 per cent at Rs 120.14 crore during 2024-25, as against Rs 61.46 crore in FY24. The company's EBITDA increased by 79.37 per cent at Rs 55.55 crore in 2024-25, as compared with Rs 30.97 crore last year. The EBITDA margin stood at 46.24 per cent during the year

under review as against 50.38 per cent last year. Virtual Galaxy Infotech provides core banking software solutions, IT solutions, ERP implementation and customized software solutions development and IT services for the BFSI, ERP, and E-Governance domains. BFSI segment accounts for nearly 92 per cent of its total business but it has also been witnessing a steady traction in the other segments including ERP and e-governance among others. Commenting on the company's performance during 2024-25, Sachin Pande, Co-founder & Managing Director of Virtual Galaxy Infotech, said, "We

have posted an impressive growth in both our topline and bottomline backed by a steady rise in demand for advanced IT solutions across various sectors. Our topline grew by nearly 95.48 per cent while the PAT increased by 97.05 per cent during 2024-25 with a major share of the business coming in from our core banking software solutions aimed at the BFSI sector. However, we have been continuously innovating and coming up with customised solutions to meet the varied demands of the industry. We are confident that this will help boost our topline further in the coming quarters."

Why Now Is the Time to Bet on Mutual Funds and Small Caps in India: Ganesh Mohan, Managing Director, Bajaj Finserv AMC

Nagpur 19 June: In an environment where global markets are navigating heightened volatility, Indian investors are increasingly turning towards stable and disciplined investment strategies. The key, experts say, is not to panic but to stay grounded and focused on long-term goals. One of the most effective approaches during such times is to invest in large-cap equity funds. These funds focus on well-established companies that are known for their solid fundamentals as well as their ability to withstand economic shocks. Complementing this with a diversified portfolio, which is a mix of equity, debt, and hybrid funds ensures that the overall risk is balanced. Within equities, funds that are more domestically focused and less exposed to global fluctuations are also gaining popularity. Small-cap funds are attracting attention from investors with a higher risk appetite and a long-term perspective. Since 2020, small-caps have led the IPO market with 196 listings, though only four have moved up to mid-cap status and none to large-cap. While this segment has delivered strong returns, it also underscores the importance of careful selection, as not all IPOs become long-term winners. In a market with



many options, focusing on quality remains essential. Disciplined investment strategies combining thorough market analysis, risk management, and diversification can help identify quality opportunities in the small-cap space. Given the inherent volatility of the market, adopting a disciplined approach to investing becomes even more crucial. Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) continue to stand out as the preferred route for many investors.

They work exceptionally well in volatile markets by averaging out the purchase cost and instilling investment discipline. Products like dynamic asset allocation or multi-asset funds also offer a smart option, as they adapt asset exposure based on market conditions. But choosing the right mutual fund is a highly personalized

decision and isn't a one-size-fits-all solution. It starts with understanding your financial goals, risk tolerance, and investment horizon. Liquid or short-duration debt funds are ideal for short-term needs, while hybrid funds offer a balance between stability and growth. When it comes to long-term wealth creation, particularly for younger investors, equity-oriented funds such as flexi-cap or large-cap funds are recommended. Investors aiming for higher returns and comfortable with greater volatility might find small-cap funds to be a strategic addition to their portfolios. Tax-saving goals can be addressed through ELSS, while specific life goals like children's education or retirement are best tackled with goal-based funds. As the investment landscape continues to evolve, innovations like the Savings+ facility is transforming the way investors manage their idle money.

This digital-first solution allows surplus money to be parked in liquid or overnight funds, offering better returns than a savings account while keeping the money accessible within 24 hours. It's ideal for emergency funds, short-term cash reserves, or even money parked temporarily before a big expense.

DRM Nagpur conducts strategic inspection of Godhani Station under Amrit Bharat Scheme



Nagpur 19 June: In a significant move aimed at strengthening railway infrastructure and optimizing train movement across critical corridors, Shri Vinayak Garg, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Central Railway, Nagpur, conducted a comprehensive inspection of Godhani Station under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. During the inspection, DRM Garg reviewed the Delhi-Howrah and Howrah-Delhi route alignments, along with the Godhani-Kalumna rail link. The Delhi-Howrah corridor, which accommodates 8 pairs of long-distance trains daily, is among the most important and heavily utilized routes in the Indian Railways network. A key proposal discussed during the inspection includes diverting select long-distance trains via Kalumna Station, which falls under the jurisdiction of South East

Central Railway.

This strategic diversion aims to bypass Nagpur Station, thereby avoiding engine reversals, saving operational time and resources, and significantly reducing congestion at Nagpur. Such a move is expected to improve punctuality, enhance route efficiency, and allow smoother traffic management at Nagpur Station.

The proposed improvements also align with the goals of inter-zonal coordination and capacity optimization. This inspection underlines Central Railway's commitment to long-term planning and infrastructure advancement in line with the vision of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme – to develop future-ready stations with enhanced operational capabilities and passenger convenience.

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 waiver 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 Ataram, Kishore Gaurkar, Gopal Khamankar, Dhanraj Aswale, Mangesh Uike, Dnyaneshwar Zade and others were present while giving the statement.

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.

Certificates distributed at Thalegaon Rehabilitation

KALAMB / NAGPUR POST: Certificates were distributed to citizens under the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Maharsajwa Abhiyan at the Samaj Mandir Thalegaon (Rehabilitation). 217 certificates of various types were distributed by Sub-Divisional Officer Sudhir Patil

and Tehsildar Dheeraj Stul. 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

Focus on roads which boost economy, enhance rural connectivity

Guardian Minister Bawankule directs PWD officials

Nagpur 19 June: Revenue Minister Chandrashekar Bawankule on Wednesday directed Public Works Department (PWD) to develop a standard operating procedure (SOP) for road construction works in Maharashtra, based strictly on urgency and necessity, in line with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis's directives. He emphasised that only those roads that significantly improve the quality of life in rural areas should be prioritised. "PWD must identify and plan works that genuinely reflect urgency, and create roads that uplift the lives of people in villages. The SOP should ensure that development is not random but guided by clear policy and necessity," Bawankule said during a departmental review meeting focused on pending projects in the Amravati and Nagpur regions. During discussions, Bawankule instructed Amravati officials to submit a proposal under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) for the Achalpur-Badnera-Yavatmal road project, reflecting the govt's push for rapid infrastructure execution aligned with economic priorities. PWD minister Shivendra



Bhosale, who also attended the meeting, underscored that roads enhancing Maharashtra's economic growth will be prioritised. "While connecting villages remains important, roads that accelerate economic development—particularly those supporting tourism and trade by linking to ports—will be given special attention," he said. The high-level meeting was held at Bawankule's office in Mantralaya, with PWD Secretary Sanjay Deshpande, department officials, and chief engineers from Amravati and Nagpur divisions attending via video conference.

Nagpur Division to celebrate 11th International Day of Yoga

Nagpur 19 June: Central Railway's Nagpur Division is celebrating the 11th International Day of Yoga with a series of enriching lectures, workshops, and seminars specially organized for railway employees and their families. The sessions are being conducted under the aegis of the Staff Benefit Fund from June 16 to June 20, 2025, every morning from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM at Samudaik Bhavan, Ajni.

The event is being organized under the esteemed guidance of Janardhan Swami Yogabhyasi Mandal, Ramnagar, Nagpur, with Mrs. Sushma Raje and Mr. Sudhir Raje conducting sessions on yoga postures (asanas), breathing techniques, and overall wellness practices for the benefit of around 70 participants. Employees are encouraged to incorporate yoga into their

daily lives by using platforms like the Common Yoga Protocol (CYP), Y-Break (Yoga Break) Protocol, Namaste Yoga Mobile Application, and exploring resources on the Yoga-Ayush (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) Portal. All railway employees and their families are also invited to take part in the International Day of Yoga activities hosted on the MyGov platform, including quizzes, competitions, and video campaigns. The event is being held under the dynamic leadership of Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Shri Vinayak Garg and the valuable guidance of Senior Divisional Personnel Officer (Sr. DPO) Smt. Sanjhi Jain, reaffirming the commitment of Central Railway towards promoting a healthy lifestyle through yoga and wellness.

Airtel cracks down on online fraud: Shields 2 lakh customers daily in Maharashtra and Goa

Nagpur 19 June: Bharti Airtel ("Airtel") has announced significant progress in its mission to protect customers in Maharashtra and Goa from rising online frauds. As part of the nationwide rollout of its AI-powered fraud detection system, Airtel has successfully safeguarded more than 2 lakh customers across the states of Maharashtra and Goa—within just 36 days of launching its advanced fraud detection system. Automatically enabled for all Airtel mobile and broadband customers, the advanced system scans and filters links across SMS, WhatsApp, Telegram, Facebook, Instagram, E-mail and other browsers. It leverages real-time threat intelligence to examine over 1 billion URLs daily and blocks access to harmful sites in under 100 milliseconds. For instance, if a resident in Pune receives a suspicious message that reads: "Your package is delayed. Track it here: <http://www.trackyourparcel.com>". And if the unsuspecting resident, then clicks on the link, Airtel's system also clicks into gear. It instantly scans the link and if flagged as suspicious, it blocks access. The user is redirected to a warning message that reads: "Blocked! Airtel found this site dangerous!" All this instantaneously. This real-time interception prevents users from falling victim to all kinds of frauds. Commenting on the initiative, George Mathen, CEO – Maharashtra and Goa, Bharti Airtel, said "At Airtel, our commitment lies in protecting customers from all varieties of fraud. By merging our network with an AI-based fraud detection solution, we are making certain that our customers are defended against all emerging threats without requiring

any effort on their part. We believe it is imperative to take steps today to secure the digital future, and we are proud to be pioneers in this field by providing a comprehensive and safer network for our customers in Maharashtra and Goa." With Maharashtra and Goa ranked as one of India's most digitally advanced states, the threat of online fraud has grown in both its urban and rural regions. Fraudsters increasingly target users through phishing links, fake deliveries and spurious banking alerts. Cities like Satara, Nashik, Amravati, Ahilyanagar, Chandrapur, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar and Akola — as well as remote towns like Jamgaon, Ghoti, Sultanpur, Tipteshwar among others— have seen a sharp rise in such fraudulent attempts. Airtel's solution acts as a statewide digital shield, protecting families, senior citizens, homemakers, students and first-time smartphone users alike. The AI-driven platform delivers fraud warnings in the user's preferred language, including Marathi, making it highly effective for the state's diverse population. This multilingual support is especially impactful in districts with low digital literacy or where English is not widely used. The solution operates silently in the background, requires no installation and is offered free of cost. Maharashtra and Goa at the forefront of digital adoption — from online banking to government e-services — and Airtel's initiative plays a critical role in creating a safer digital ecosystem across the state. Whether it's a working professional in Satara, a homemaker in Nashik, a tourist in Goa, or a student in Ahilyanagar, Airtel helps make every digital interaction safer.

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 Mahipure.

to get all types of certificates at one place.

On this occasion, Deputy Sarpanch Dinesh Wankhade, Mandal Officer Anil Surpam, Talathi Kiran Gorlewale, Arkit Umratkar, Tai Manekar, Shyam Shelokar, Suvas Shinde and other beneficiaries were present.

Change Of Name

MY OLD NAME WAS ASHFAQUE ALIMUDDIN SHAIKH. NOW MY NEW NAME IS ASHFAQUE ALIMUDDIN SHEIKH. ADD : PN-211 JAI HIND NAGAR, SADIQABAD ROAD, MANKAPUR, NAGPUR - 440030

MY OLD NAME WAS DINESH KUMAR ISRANI. NOW MY NEW NAME IS DINESH BODARAM ISRANI. ADD : 9 MEERA KUNJ KUSHI NAGAR, JARIPATKA NAGPUR.

MY OLD NAME WAS DHAM-ANGOANWALA KHUTEJA. NOW MY NEW NAME IS KHADIJA YUSUF DHAMANG-ANGWALA. ADD : FLAT NO.405, BHANDARA ROAD, MSB INSTITUTION, WARDHAMAN NAGAR, NAGPUR - 440008.

MY OLD NAME WAS ABDUL GANI. NOW MY NEW NAME IS ABDUL SATTAR POUCHATOD. NOW MY NEW NAME IS ABDUL GANI ABDUL SATTAR SHEIKH. ADD : RUMALESHWAR WARD, AT POST RAMTEK, NAGPUR 441006

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.

VIA LEW, Nagpur successfully hosted an Exclusive session on 'Mastering The Sales Funnels'



Nagpur 19 June: Lady Entrepreneurs' Wing of Vidarbha Industries Association (VIA LEW) 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 VIA LEW 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—LEW welcomed guests speaker and Sonali Chitre LEW Member introduced guest speaker. Yogita Deshmukh, Secretary—LEW proposed a formal vote of thanks. Prominently present were VIA LEW 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 Vidyalaya 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 phones 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

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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.



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, 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.

Janaki Nagar power line's repair work in full swing

Temporary change in traffic on Ring Road

Nagpur 19 June: MSIEDCL 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 MSIEDCL 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. MSIEDCL 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. MSIEDCL 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.