

## BULLS EYE

### Friendless Pak...

There was a terrorist attack on India in Pahalgam. It was natural for India to take strong action against it. But the two superpowers of the world, China and America, have still witnessed a terrorist attack on India at the instigation of Pakistan. Despite this, they have not accepted it. Lahiri Lala Trump invites the Pakistani general to his White House and treats him to a banquet. The funny thing is that at that time, the Prime Minister of Pakistan does not utter a single word. From this, the whole world should understand who is on the chair and who has the power in Pakistan. This Trump's head never moves straight. Just like a horse moves two and a half squares in chess. Similarly, this horse-like Trump moves in reverse. However, since America is a democracy, there are many journalists and big newspapers against this Trump. Which are writing against his incomprehensible policy. This is easily seen. Especially, that news can be published all over the world. Even now, this Trump has finally put his tail in the Iran-Israel war. This Trumped-up America is not in the interest of America. This is what is misunderstood. According to the law of America, this Trump has to endure the next three and a half years. But this so-called friend of our Prime Minister Modi Saheb is constantly humiliating India. American women should not go to India. Don't do this. Don't do that, etc. He is constantly giving advisories like this. The more India is defamed by it, the more we have seen Trump's blueprint to do so. Since our country is a peacemaker, we remain silent on Trump's monkey jokes. This is our importance. This is America, now let's look at the matter of China, which does not have a democratic policy. Since yesterday, a meeting of the defense ministers of that country was held in the name of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in a city called King Davo, China. Indian Defense Minister Rajnath Singh was also present in this meeting. Also, Pakistan's Defense Minister Khawaja was also present in it. Rajnath Singh did not meet that Pakistani defense minister at all. Our Indian Defense Minister has not even signed the joint statement of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. That is, India has expressed its opposition very firmly. (Why is such firmness not expressed about America?) In this joint statement, the terrorist attack in Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir was not even mentioned. A small incident that happened in Pakistan's Balochistan. It was mentioned with great fanfare. Therefore, the aggressive stance taken by our Defense Minister. It is definitely important. Rajnath Singh said that Pakistan provides money to terrorists. In short, they are sponsors of terrorists in Pakistan. Criminals who commit terrorist acts in India and escape get protection in Pakistan. Despite this, Pakistan is not blamed. On this, Rajnath Singh spoke strongly. We have a lack of peace, security and trust here. This is the big problem. Peace and prosperity cannot coexist with radicalism, extremism and terrorism. This has been made clear by Rajnath Singh. Where there are such double standards regarding terrorism. Do we need to be present there and suffer double our pain? This should also be considered now. Currently, Pakistan, which is a darling of both America and China, is ready to give free hand to Pakistan. In all these cases, how many friendly countries does India have? We should also consider this. As our own Atal Bihari Vajpayee said, neighbors cannot be changed. But we can be friends with neighbors. At present, not a single neighbor is with us. One Bangladesh was a good friend. It has also made a standing claim with India. All the other neighboring neighbors are not with India. How many friends do we have on the world stage? After searching for this, we have not earned enough friends to count on the fingers of both hands. This is our real situation. Even in the G-7 meeting held before this meeting, India was not given any respect. Therefore, we need to increase our friendly countries. Who will come with us in difficult times. We should now find out. The current friendless vacuum around us. It is very worrying at the moment.

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## Major Indo US trade deal likely

**New Delhi, June 27 (UNI)** US President Donald Trump has said a "very big" trade deal could be signed with India while a senior-level Indian delegation is in Washington for the final round of negotiations ahead of the July 9 deadline of reciprocal tariff suspension. Trump said the US had already signed a trade deal with China and is having some great deals. "...One may be coming up with India..." "We are going to open up India like we did China," Trump said "We just signed with China. We are not going to make deals with everybody. But we are having some great deals. We have one coming up, maybe with India, a very big one," Trump said while speaking at a White House event. Meanwhile, an Indian trade delegation is in Washington for discussions with their US counterpart on finalizing the deal before July 9. The US had suspended high tariffs on Indian goods till July 9. India is seeking full exemption from the additional 26 percent tariff imposed by the US and wants duty concessions on textiles, gems and jewellery, leather goods, while the wants concessions on automobiles, petrochemical products and some agricultural products. However, exact details have not been disclosed.

## We cannot ignore Hindi, but it shouldn't be forced early: Pawar on Marathi controversy

**Kolhapur 27 June:** The Maharashtra government's recent decision to make Hindi a compulsory subject from Class 1 has triggered a political storm in the state. Prominent leaders Raj Thackeray and Uddhav Thackeray have announced a joint protest march opposing what they call the "forced imposition" of the Hindi language in schools. The move has now drawn a response from veteran politician and NCP (Sharad Pawar faction) chief, Sharad Pawar. Speaking to the media reporters at a press conference, Pawar expressed his reservations about the government's policy. "It is not appropriate to make Hindi compulsory from Class 1 to 4," he said. However, Pawar also acknowledged the widespread use of Hindi across India, stating, "Around 50% of the country speaks Hindi. We cannot afford to



ignore it." The issue has sparked a broader conversation around language policy and regional identity in Maharashtra, where Marathi holds cultural and emotional significance. The opposition, including the Thackeray brothers, has criticized the government for allegedly undermining Marathi in favor of

Hindi. When asked about the proposed protest led by Raj and Uddhav Thackeray, Pawar offered a balanced view. "This issue has two sides. While Hindi should not be imposed at the primary level, it can be made compulsory from Class 5 onwards. But any participation in the protest must be based on principle, not pressure," he added. Pawar also clarified that he will assess the situation personally. "Once I return to Mumbai, I will listen to the perspectives of both Raj and Uddhav Thackeray. If their stance is in the interest of Maharashtra, I will take an appropriate position," he said. As the debate intensifies, all eyes are now on how the state government and opposition leaders navigate the complex issue of language, identity, and education in a multilingual state like Maharashtra.

## Uddhav, Raj Thackeray to march together against Hindi imposition on July 5

**Mumbai, June 27 (UNI)** In a historic development, Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena Rajya Sabha MP and chief party spokesperson Sanjay Raut announced at a press conference here on Friday, that Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray and Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray will march together to protest against the imposition of the Hindi language on Saturday, July 5. Tentatively it has been announced that the protest march will begin from Girgaum Chowpaty to Azad Maidan in Mumbai on July 5, though the exact time is yet to be decided. Significantly, the announcement came 20 years after the Thackeray cousins parted ways to seek their separate political destinies which seem to have reached a point of convergence, as they come together against the imposition of the Hindi language on Maharashtra. Elaborating on how the decision was taken, Sanjay

Raut said, "A third language is being imposed on our children. We are not opposed to Hindi as a language, but in school education, nobody can force any language on Maharashtra. We have found out that Gujarat has been excluded from the government's three-language policy. Yesterday (Thursday), Uddhav Thackeray raised questions about who is behind this policy. Raj Thackeray also took a tough stand against it. Initially, Shiv Sena had decided to organise a protest march on July 7. However, on Thursday morning, Maharashtra's Minister for School Education Dada Bhuse met Raj Thackeray and tried to convince him about the need to teach Hindi language to students in Maharashtra from Class 1. After this meeting on Thursday (June 26), Raj Thackeray addressed a press conference and announced a protest march on July 6," Sanjay Raut said.

## India trashes 'supplemental award' by Court of Arbitration on Kishenganga

**New Delhi, June 27 (UNI)** India Today castigated the illegal Court of Arbitration and trashed its so-called supplemental award concerning Kishenganga and Ratle hydroelectric projects in Jammu and Kashmir. "The illegal Court of Arbitration, purportedly constituted under the Indus Waters Treaty 1960, albeit in brazen violation of it, has issued what it characterizes as a supplemental award on its competence concerning the Kishenganga and Ratle hydroelectric projects in the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," the

External Affairs Ministry said. It said India has never recognised the existence in law of this so-called Court of Arbitration and India's position has all along been that the constitution of this so-called arbitral body is in itself a serious breach of the Indus Waters Treaty. Therefore, any proceedings before this forum and any award or decision taken by it are also illegal and per se void. The Ministry said that following the Pahalgam terrorist attack, India has in exercise of its rights as a sovereign nation under international law, placed the IWT in abeyance.

## At SCO meet, India said outcome document without reference to terrorism is not acceptable: EAM

**New Delhi, June 27 (UNI)** External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said today that the objective of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is to fight terrorism, and India wanted a reference to terrorism in the outcome document, but one country opposed its inclusion -- in obvious reference to Pakistan. Addressing a media briefing here, the EAM said: "The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), its objective is to fight terrorism; this organisation exists to fight terrorism. 'So, what happened was that when Rajnath ji (Defence Minister Rajnath Singh) went for the SCO defence ministers meeting and there was a discussion on the outcome document, one country, you can guess which one, one country



sign the joint statement at the two-day SCO Defence Ministers meeting in China as Beijing and Islamabad did not want the Pahalgam terror attack mentioned in it, but were adamant on inclusion of the Jaffar train hijack incident in Balochistan. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who attended the conference in Qingdao, stressed the need to bring the perpetrators, organisers, financiers and sponsors of terrorism to justice

said, 'no, no we do not want a reference to that.' He said that SCO runs by unanimity, "and one country said we do not agree that there should be any reference to terrorism, and Rajnath-ji said if there is no reference to terrorism then we will not accept that statement". India refused to sign the joint statement at the two-day SCO Defence Ministers meeting in China as Beijing and Islamabad did not want the Pahalgam terror attack mentioned in it, but were adamant on inclusion of the Jaffar train hijack incident in Balochistan. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who attended the conference in Qingdao, stressed the need to bring the perpetrators, organisers, financiers and sponsors of terrorism to justice

## INC slams RSS over Constitution remarks

**New Delhi, June 27 (UNI)** Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh today slammed the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), accusing it of never accepting the Constitution of India and persistently targeting its principal architects, including Dr BR Ambedkar and Jawaharlal Nehru, since 1949. The Congress reaction came a day after RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale, speaking at an event, demanded removal of the words "socialist" and "secular" from the Preamble,



arguing that they were inserted during the Emergency by the then Congress government. Hosabale also demanded an apology from the Congress for imposing Emergency on June 25, 1975.

## Deputy CM assured Sarang to seek explanation from MLA Jagtap

**Mumbai, June 27 (UNI)** Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar has assured Party vice president Salim Sarang that he will seek an explanation from his Party MLA Sangram Jagtap over the latter's alleged controversial remarks on the Muslim community. Sarang also strongly condemned the controversial statement allegedly made by MLA Jagtap which was perceived as anti-Muslim. Sarang demanded strict action against MLA Jagtap from the party leadership. Sarang



said here today through a release that his firm and clear stance has now been

taken seriously by NCP's National President, Ajit Pawar, who has assured that he will seek an explanation from Sangram Jagtap regarding the matter. Responding to questions from the media, Ajit Pawar said, "The Nationalist Congress Party follows the secular ideology of Shivaji Maharaj, Mahatma Phule, Shahu Maharaj, and Dr. Ambedkar," said Sarang in release. "Speaking

against any religion is against our core values. I will personally ask Sangram Jagtap what exactly he said and why," assured Deputy CM to Sarang. This statement by Ajit Pawar makes it clear that Sarang's demand is being taken seriously at the highest levels of the party. As a result of his bold and principled position, Sarang has received widespread appreciation and congratulations from members of the Muslim community, the release claimed.

## CJI Bhushan Gavai welcomed at Nagpur Airport

**Nagpur 27 June:** Chief Justice of India, Justice Bhushan Gavai, arrived at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport in Nagpur on Friday to a formal and respectful reception. On this occasion, Chief Justice of Bombay High Court Justice Alok Aradhe, Administrative Judge of the Nagpur Bench Justice Nitin Sambre, Senior Judge Justice Anil Kilor, along with several senior judicial officers and administrative officials, were present to receive him. Justice Gavai's visit to Nagpur holds special significance in view of key judicial and administrative matters. During his stay, he is expected to participate in



important meetings and hold discussions with judicial officers. The visit has garnered considerable attention within

legal and administrative circles, given Justice Gavai's deep-rooted association with Nagpur, his hometown.

## BJP appoints new poll supervisors for state, national assembly elections

**New Delhi, June 27 (UNI)** The BJP today expanded its list of election officials tasked with overseeing the upcoming institutional polls for state presidents and national assembly members. "In continuation of the previous appointments for the election of state presidents and national council members, state election officers have now been appointed for Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, and West Bengal, effective immediately," the party said on social media platform X.

## COMMITTED TO TRIBAL BRETHEN'S DEVELOPMENT....



Tribal Development Department provides funds to various departments for the development of tribals. However, while spending this fund, the concerned department needs to prioritise it and focus on more individual development, asserted Tribal Development Minister Ashok Uike while taking stock of implementation of various schemes related to the tribal development department. Minister of State for Finance Adv. Ashish Jaiswal, MLA Sanjay Meshram, Chairman NIT Sanjay Meena, District Collector Dr. Vipin Itankar and others were present on the occasion.

# Riyan Hospital organises free health check up camp

**Ramtek 27 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Riyan Multispecialty Hospital Ramtek, Akashzep Foundation and Group Gram Panchayat Suvardhara jointly organised a free cancer, heart disease, blood pressure, blood sugar, general checkup, eye checkup, medicine distribution and voluntary blood donation camp under the guidance of Riyan Hospital Director Dr. Pradeep Borkar at Ambazari in Parshivani taluka recently. Village Sarpanch and Programme Chairperson Kesavanta Idpachi, Dnyaneshwar Idpachi, Vijay Bhure, Umrao Raut and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

On the occasion, Akashzep Foundation Secretary and Amhi Bharatiya Abhiyan Chief Coordinator Sakshodhan Kadbe informed the attendees about the services



and facilities being provided to the general public in the hospital, Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Arogya Yojana, Ayushman Bharat and Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

On the occasion, general check-up, blood pressure, sugar check-up, ECG and medicine distribution initiatives were undertaken by Riyan Hospital Ramtek. 68

Children and adults of the village availed benefit of the free services provided in this camp. In this camp, Dr. Shweta Mohod, Tejaswini Donarkar, Shubham Mahule, Achal provided medical services. Prashant Urade, Smita Baviskar, Priti Dhawade conducted eye check-up on behalf of Sanjivani Optical. Dr. Avinash Babhare, Bhushan

Deshmukh, Payal Sagare, Arzoo Funde, Laxmi Kawale, Sachin Warghat collected blood from Life Line Blood Bank. Akashzhep member Ishwar Kumbhare, Police Patil Ashish Idpachi, Ajit Idpachi, Ramswaroop Kumbhare, Vishal Kumbhare, Dilip Raut, Chetan Donarkar and 13 youths donated blood voluntarily on the occasion.

## DYFI conducts public awareness campaign on World Anti-Drug Day

**Ramtek 27 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A public awareness campaign was organised in Ramtek on behalf of the Democratic Youth Federation of India on the occasion of World Anti-Drug Day. Every year, June 26 is celebrated worldwide as World Anti Drug Day. On this day, public awareness is imparted in various countries around the world against drug trafficking and with the aim of creating an addiction-free society.

In the last few decades or so, there has been an unprecedented increase in drug trafficking and drug consumption throughout the country. Especially the youth who are falling victim to this drug menace. On one hand,



this is having a negative impact on the physical and mental health of the youth, and on the other hand, since the money from drug trafficking is being channelised back to terrorist organisations, a new security

threat before the country is being posed. Therefore, District President, Amit Hatwar, Abhijit Ramteke, Umesh Tumdam have appealed to the general public to stand up against this menace through

a public awareness campaign organised on behalf of Democratic Youth Federation of India. Similarly, through this media, the demand that the government and law enforcement agencies stop the smuggling of these drugs.

## Adarsh Chaurasia Ladies Club celebrates International Yoga Day

**Nagpur 27 June:** On the occasion of International Yoga Day, Adarsh Chaurasia Ladies Club Nagpur organised a Yoga Day programme. The International Yoga Day programme was organised under the chairmanship of Meera Rakesh Chaurasia, President of Ladies Club Nagpur and in the presence of Founder President Sarita Vijay Chaurasia, Past President Sharmila Gagan and Anuradha Anuradha Narendra Singh. The programme started with a prayer. Yoga Instructor Sonia Agrawal made everyone perform yoga asanas very well and also explained its significance in detail. Kirti gave Soniaji's introduction to everyone. On behalf of the club, President Meera Chaurasia proposed the vote of thanks. Neha Mukesh

arranged delicious and healthy breakfast and fruits. The programme was concluded happily on the occasion of International Yoga Day. A large number of participants attended the program.



## Spiritual speaker Jaya Kishori to hold Raisoni Memorial Talk on June 30

**Nagpur 27 June:** Raisoni Foundation and GH Raisoni Recal Tech University, Orange City Literature Festival, in association with the event, organised the much-awaited GH Raisoni Memorial Talk at 6 PM on June 30 at Kavivarya Suresh Bhatt Auditorium, Reshimbagh, Nagpur. This year, the memorial talk will feature renowned motivational speaker, spiritual speaker and life mentor - Jaya Kishori. With her captivating eloquence and deep insights, she will share her ideas on the thought-provoking topic 'You are enough, confidence, character and the silent revolution within'. The event is open to people of all ages, admission to the session is absolutely free. Seat



availability shall be on a first-come, first-served basis. The Nagpur Municipal Corporation, which is currently celebrating its 75th anniversary (Amrit Mahotsav), has extended its support to the event.

This Memorial Talk is a tribute to the enduring legacy of GH Raisoni and strengthens the sense of

community, education and inspiration. It is an innovative effort by the Raisoni Foundation to provide a platform to voices that inspire personal growth, social transformation and spiritual awakening. One should not miss this unique opportunity to witness one of India's most beloved speakers live in Nagpur.

## BJP marks 50 years since emergency with pledge to uphold democracy and constitution



**Amgaon 27 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A special program was held at Pharmacy College, Amgaon by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Maharashtra Pradesh and Gondia District Unit to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Emergency declared in India on June 25, 1975 — considered a dark chapter in the country's democratic history. On this day in 1975, the then Congress government imposed an unjust Emergency by suppressing the Indian Constitution authored by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and curbing the freedom of expression. As part of this program, senior BJP leader and former Finance & Planning Minister of Maharashtra, Shri

Mahadevrao Shivanakar, who was imprisoned during the Emergency, was honored at his residence in a gesture of respect. The event also highlighted the major public welfare initiatives and developmental models implemented by the BJP government over the past 11 years, reinforcing the party's commitment to constitutional values and democratic integrity. Prominent attendees included Seetayai Rahangdale, Snehatay Mankar, Deepatay Chandrikapure, Rajnitay Kumbhare, Savita Puram, Dr. Laxman Bhagat, Virendra Anjankar, Sanjay Uike, Bajpeyji Ji, Keshav Mankar, Bhairingsingh Nagpure, Vijay Shivanakar, and Netram Katre.

## 165th DRUCC meeting concludes

**Nagpur 27 June:** The 165th meeting of the Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee was held on Thursday. Many esteemed members from various fields of human endeavour attended the meeting. Sunil Hariprasad Jejan (Nagpur), Dr. Milind Bhanudas Dabhre (Chandrapur), Mohan (Betul), Ramesh Parasram Jichkar (Amravati), Nitin Purushottamrao Lonkar (Nagpur), Ganesh Saindane (Chandrapur), Nitin Narendra Mukewar (Nagpur), Satyabrata Ramamuj Patnaik (Nagpur), Suresh Ramdaspani Donge (Nagpur), Nitin Madhukarrao Tinkhede (Nagpur), Pravin Vasantrao Shinde (Yavatmal) and other dignitaries participated in the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, Aman Mittal, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager welcomed all the members present on the occasion. After this, Divisional Railway Manager Vinayak Garg in his address highlighted the achievements of the division and appreciated the valuable suggestions given by the members of the Advisory Committee to enhance the



facilities for the rail users. Vinayak Garg said that Nagpur Division of Central Railway is one of the major divisions of Indian Railways, which connects East to West and North to South.

He also informed that Nagpur Division is making significant contribution in the field of freight traffic, which is giving impetus to the country's economy. Vinayak Garg told about some important initiatives taken in Nagpur Division. He said that recently Nagpur-Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express has been launched, while MEMU train halt has been started at Riddhipur Halt station. Passenger information kiosk has been set up at Nagpur

station and Vendor Management System (VMS) app has also been developed. Apart from this, significant progress is also being made in the third and fourth line construction projects. During the meeting, the esteemed members put forth their respective suggestions, which the administration assured to take up seriously and implement in future. Amol Kumar Pingale, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Administration), Arun Kumar Singh, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), Navin Patil, Chief Project Manager (GSU) and other officers from various branches were present in the meeting.

## Annual convention held at historic Jain Temple in Bhatkuli

**Amravati 27 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** The annual convention, social gathering, and felicitation ceremony of the All India Varshiya Digambar Jain Bagherwal Sangh and Sahyatra Trust (Southern Division) was held with great enthusiasm at the ancient Shri Adinath Swami Digambar Jain Temple in Bhatkuli. Member of Parliament Balwant Wankhade graced the occasion as chief guest, while

Sangh President Sudhir Mishrikotkar presided over the event. Dignitaries including Satish Pendhari, Satish Sangai, CA Manoj Kalamkar, Ninad Nandgaonkar, Prashant Pendhari, Vijesh Pendhari, and Dr. Bora were also present.

The event began with a traditional welcome for guests, followed by the launch of the Sangh's new website. MP Wankhade also took darshan of Shri Adinath

Swami and was briefed on the temple's historical significance. During the felicitation ceremony, Vijaya Bhisikar received the Lifetime Achievement Award, Atul Kalamkar the Sevaratra Award, Sunil Pendhari the Special Recognition Award, Suraj Pendhari the Sahayata Bhushan Award, and Sunanda Mudholkar the Sahayata Murti Award. All honorees appreciated the Sangh's efforts in social development.

## Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj Jayanti celebrated at Shitalwadi with enthusiasm



**Ramtek 27 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Parivartan Manch Ramtek, Kalyan Mitra Bauddha Vihar Samiti and Samata Sainik Dal Shitalwadi jointly conducted the birth anniversary of Lokraje Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj, the pioneer of reservation and social revolution, as 'Social Justice Day' at Kalyan Mitra Bauddha Vihar Shitalwadi. First of all, the programme began by offering floral tributes to the portrait of Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj and extending greetings. On the occasion, Pravin Bele, Bhaurao Bhilave, Krupasagar Bhowate, Satish Naukarkar and

Sunil Pantawane imparted guidance regarding the social, educational and political work of Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj. Rahul Johare conducted the proceedings of the programme.

Rustam Motghare proposed the vote of thanks. The programme was attended by Madhavrao Gajbhiye, Rustam Ramteke, Dipraj Bhowate, Vaishali Waghmare, Rama Deshbhratar, Pushpa Bhowate, Mendhetai, Gaikwad tai & Dhammarakshi Bhowate and a large number of women & several citizens of the area.

Trees were distributed and planted by the staff and students to promote environmental responsibility. Faculty members such as Dr. Sanjay Kale, Dr. Vandana Bhoyar, Prof. Vandana Hivse, and others took part and pledged to protect the environment.

## 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative undertaken at Indirabai Meghe Women's College

**Amravati 27 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** The NSS unit of Indirabai Meghe Women's College organised an environment awareness campaign titled 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' (One Tree in Mother's Name), promoting tree plantation and conservation among

students. Principal Dr. Seema Adhau chaired the event, with Dr. Poonam Chaudhary, Prof. Gajanan Kale, Superintendent Prashant Deshmukh, and other dignitaries including Ganesh Bharti, Prof. Aruna Tasare, and Prof. Anup Atram in attendance.

The event began with a

## Act on instances of corruption in cases of appointments on compassionate grounds

### Vidarbha Madhyamik Shikshak Sangh's memorandum to Deputy Director of Education

**Wadi 27 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A memorandum demanding a thorough investigation into the alleged corruption in the compassionate appointment process of non-teaching staff of a minority education institution in Nagpur division was submitted to Deputy Director of Education Dr. Madhuri Savarkar on Thursday (June 26) by working president Arun Karale, treasurer Gangadhar Parshat, vice president Yashwant Katre, Ramchandra Umathe, P Dhepe, Vilas Kamble, and Jivak Vaghmare, under the leadership of Nagpur city executive committee of Vidarbha Madhyamik Shikshak Sangh. Ravi Deorao Padole, who was

working as a peon at SMR Hindi Bhashik Sangh High School, Cotton Market, Nagpur, passed away on January 2, 2021. Efforts are underway to get his heir, Abhilash Ravi Padole, appointed on compassionate grounds.

Even though the post of clerk was vacant in four schools of the concerned institution (Lakshmidevi Dhiran Kanya Vidyalaya, Madan Gopal Agrawal High School, Suvatidevi Jhunjhunwala High School and SMR Hindi Bhashik Sangh High School), he was appointed as a clerk in the Rashtriya Madhyamik Hindi Vidyalaya, Ambazari, Defence without being recruited in this institution. Notably, this school is under



the jurisdiction of another institution. Even though the post in the institution was vacant, it is being observed that the director of the institution, Anil Agrawal, and the then Education Officer (Secondary), Ravindra Katolkar, conspired to

serious. In this concern, the petition has demanded a thorough investigation into all the appointments made on compassionate grounds by the then Education Officer between August 2021 and March 2024, as well as an inquiry into the functioning of minority institutions like Lakshmi Devi Dhiran Kanya Vidyalaya Society and strict action against the culprits. This matter has raised questions about the transparency of the education system, and the concerned families and citizens expect an investigation at the earliest and justice to be served. A copy of the petition was given to the Education Commissioner (Pune) on behalf of the organisation.

commit corruption worth lakhs of rupees. Especially considering that the school MMR Hindi Bhashik Sangh High School was closed on July 31, 2023, and the junior clerk post there was vacant since October 30, 2016, the issue is becoming more

serious. In this concern, the petition has demanded a thorough investigation into all the appointments made on compassionate grounds by the then Education Officer between August 2021 and March 2024, as well as an inquiry into the functioning of minority institutions like Lakshmi Devi Dhiran Kanya Vidyalaya Society and strict action against the culprits. This matter has raised questions about the transparency of the education system, and the concerned families and citizens expect an investigation at the earliest and justice to be served. A copy of the petition was given to the Education Commissioner (Pune) on behalf of the organisation.

## Anti-drug awareness drive organised at Talegaon Dashasar

**Talegaon Dashasar 27 June:** As part of International Anti-Drug Day, on behalf of Talegaon Police Station, an awareness programme was conducted at Zilla Parishad Secondary School and Junior College under the guidance of Officer Kiran Aute. The event began with a

tribute to Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj, followed by sessions on the harmful effects of drug abuse. Students and teachers were acquainted about the mental, physical, and social damage caused by addiction, aiming to inspire a drug-free lifestyle among the youth.

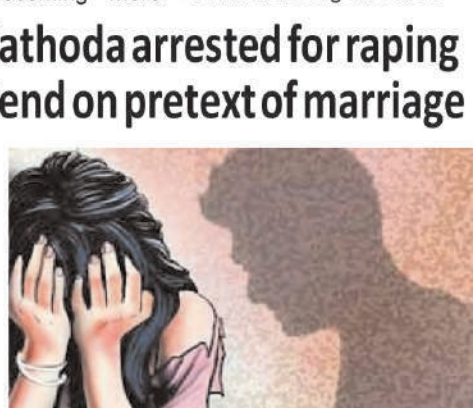
## Anti drug day observed with rally in Bhatkuli

**Bhatkuli 27 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Police Station observed Anti-Drug Day with a citywide awareness rally featuring students and teachers from Gurukul School along with police officials. The rally conveyed messages urging citizens to avoid

## Man from Wathoda arrested for raping Instagram friend on pretext of marriage

**Nagpur 27 June:** Wathoda Police have apprehended a 25-year-old man for repeatedly sexually assaulting a 23-year-old woman under the pretext of marriage over a five-year period. The accused, Faizan Ansari (25), resident of Wathoda, Nagpur, had come in contact with the survivor through Instagram. The online interaction turned into a relationship, during which he allegedly

established physical relations with her several times between July 26, 2020, and May 5, 2025, in the Wathoda area, while misleading her with marriage promises. Based on the woman's complaint registered on June 26, Wathoda Police booked Faizan Ansari under Section 69 of the BNS. Further inquiry is ongoing.



## Congress firmly stands by loyal workers: MP Pratibha Dhanorkar

**ARNI / NAGPUR POST:** Congress is a party that will stand firmly by loyal, honest workers. Those who work against the party will not be considered at all while giving tickets. Only loyal people will be given tickets in the elections, asserted MP Pratibha Dhanorkar. She was speaking at a review meeting of the Congress at Maher Mangal Karyalaya. In the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, the UBT, NCS (SP) leaders and workers of the Maha Vikas Aghadi cooperated by following the Aghadi religion. People from Nibbhay Bano also supported. Try to take everyone along in the coming elections. If possible, form a Maha Vikas Aghadi, she suggested. The tickets of workers who work for the party and have public opinion will not be cut just because the financial situation is not good. She also said that Pratibha Dhanorkar will not do anything without giving him the right strength. The Congress's Goa state in-charge Manikrao Thakre was in the chair. He suggested to form a party, register to vote and create an environment for the party. Former Minister Shivajirao Moghe, Former Minister Vasantrao Purke, Mahila Congress State President Sandhyatai Savwalakhe, District President Praful Mankar, Jitendra Moghe,



State Secretary Dr. Mohammad Nadeem addressed the workers. On this occasion, Minority District President Zafar Khan, APMC Chairman Anil Aade, Former Nagar Parishad President Aarj Beg, Chhotu Deshmukh, Kishore Bhagat, Ganesh More, Balasaheb Shinde, Pradeep Wankhade, Vijay Modhe, Raju Virkhade, Amol Mangulkar, Parasram Rathod etc. were present.

## Mungsaji Maharaj College student awarded Acharya Fellowship for Research

**Darwha 27 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Vikas Bhimrao Paikaraw, a postgraduate research scholar in Political Science at the Mungsaji Maharaj College Research Centre, has been awarded the prestigious Acharya Fellowship by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Research and Training Institute (BARTI), Pune. Paikaraw's research topic focuses on "An Analytical Study of the Leadership of Elected MLAs from Reserved Constituencies in Maharashtra with Special Reference to Ralegaon Assembly Constituency (2014-2024)," examining provisions related to reserved constituencies in the Indian Constitution. His study aims to shed light on the socio-political and economic awareness among castes and tribes in reserved constituencies, with a focus on the development of the Ralegaon Assembly segment. Recognising the significance of his research, BARTI has sanctioned the fellowship to support his academic endeavor. Paikaraw is currently pursuing this work under the guidance of Dr. Sunil Bhaug Chakhe, Principal of Mungsaji Maharaj College. Expressing his gratitude, Paikaraw credited his success to Vidya Prasarak Mandal President Vasant Ghuikhedkar and his mentor Dr. Chakhe. His achievement has been widely appreciated by the college community and the local area.



## Resolution on farmer loan waiver passed



**UMARKHED/NAGPUR POST:** A resolution was passed on June 18th in the board meeting of the cooperative Maharashtra Bhausaheb Manne Shetkari Sahakari Ginning Pressing Society, which operates in the taluka, regarding the loan waiver of farmers. The director of the organization, Uddhav Gaikwad, had put a proposal before the meeting and demanded a discussion on this. Director Dr. Sanjay Mane approved it. President Shivaji Mane, Vice President Adv. Jitendra Pawar, Honorary Secretary Chitang Kadam and the directors present in the meeting

passed a resolution to waive the loans of farmers. Seeing the situation of the farmers in the state, there is a picture of the farmer king getting fed up and desperate in Maharashtra. Farmers who are facing one after another, suicides, debt market failure, and financial crisis are repeatedly requesting the government and going on hunger strike. Also, various organizations are agitating to get farmers debt-free. Every year, the number of natural disasters has increased due to climate change. Due to the uncertain rainfall, agricultural production is being affected. The financial

condition of farmers has deteriorated due to the increase in uncertainty in the agricultural sector. Many farmers in the taluka have completed their sowing work in this year's Kharif season. However, even after the Mrig Nakshatra has begun, the rains have not yet started satisfactorily. In such a situation, the life of farmers has become difficult. For this, the board of directors of have decided to send this proposal in the meeting demanding that the government take a decision to waive off loans to all farmers in the state as soon as possible and implement it. Uddhav Gaikwad, Director of Gene Press Institute of Satyashodhak Shetkari Sangha, and Bhimrao Chandravanshi, Director of the Agricultural Produce Market Committee, had presented this proposal for loan waiver before the meeting.

## Students should do great in life: MLA Wankhede



**UMARKHED / NAGPUR POST:** Only who is heated in the furnace of struggle succeeds. Have the determination to face the difficulties, struggles and do something great in life, asserted MLA Kisan Wankhede. MLA Wankhede visited the PM Shree Z. P. Secondary School in Umarkhed, where he did his secondary education, and welcomed the students who entered on the first day of school with a rose. On this occasion, uniforms, textbooks, bus passes and bicycles under Human Development were distributed to the students on the first day by MLA Wankhede. On this occasion, MLA Kisan

Wankhede interacted with the students and had a very open conversation with them on the topic of 'importance of education' and expressed his satisfaction that he was present today as a public representative and a parent of the constituency in the school where he did his secondary education. The program held in the school premises was attended by Anand Chikne, Jagdish Bhusarwar, Principal Prashant Dhule, ST Manager Pramodini Kinake, Journalist Balasaheb Ozalwar, Supervisor Anita Ban, teachers and staff. The Principal, teachers and staff cooperated for its success.

## Traffic chaos in Arni city



**ARNI / NAGPUR POST:** A major traffic problem is emerging on the main roads of the city day by day. The main reason behind it is the reckless movement of heavy vehicles. 18-wheeler, 20-wheeler containers and large trucks have literally occupied the city roads. Citizens and small vehicle owners are suffering. Large vehicles are seen taking U-turns in the middle of the road in front of shops. Traffic jams occur for at least 10 minutes when such vehicles take turns. This creates obstacles for students, patients and

citizens going to work. It has been reported that some shopkeepers and warehouse owners in the city are unloading goods in heavy vehicles directly on the main road. Such vehicles get direct access to the village. Due to this, the problem of traffic congestion in the city is becoming more serious. Citizens should bring heavy vehicles to the administration for control. Otherwise, some social organizations and citizens have warned that a protest will be launched against this soon.

## Lecture on crime, student suicide held

**YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST:** A public awareness lecture was held at Chemist Bhavan in the presence of prominent dignitaries on the issue of increased crime and student suicide in Yavatmal city through various organizations under the guidance of psychiatrist Dr. Deepak Gharjode. For this, Sankalp Foundation, Sewa Samarpan Pratishthan, Arogya Bharati, Yavatmal, Legal and Judicial Service Committee, SL Foundation, Nima Vadgaon, Nima Yavatmal, Chemist and Druggist Association, BJP City Yavatmal, Shiv Sena, Congress, Police Boys Association had taken the initiative. Vilas Deshmukh, District Sangchalak presided over. Sagar Jhamre of District Legal Services Authority, Vasant Shelke of Sankalp Foundation, and Dr. Anil Akare, Secretary of Arogya Bharati were present as the main guides. The introduction was given by Pralaya Tipamwar, President of Sankalp

Foundation. Dr. Anil Akhare gave a lecture on the topic of 'Child Depression'. Madhuri Kotewar, District Counselor of Child Welfare Committee, guided on the subject of various systems and mechanisms of the government. Lawyer Adv. Jaishring Chavan guided on the topic of 'Child Crime'. Dr. Deepak Gharjode, Director of Asha Child Development and Swayamdeep Psychiatry Center, guided on the creation of juvenile delinquency due to child mental illness and deformity. Prof. Ghanashyam Darne of Savitribai Phule Samaj Kary Mahavidyalaya guided on the topic of social approach towards juvenile crime. Dr. Tanuja Prasad Bansod of Arogya Bharati Mahila Sanghatana gave counseling on diet and child health. Vilas Deshmukh also guided. Gajanan Bhokare conducted the program. For success, Sankalp's Pralaya Tipamwar, Sham Bajaj, Pramod Meshram, Sanjay Joshi, Jaya Saluj etc. cooperated.

## Purushottam Bute appointed Shiv Sena UBT Taluka President



**MAREGAON / NAGPUR POST:** On the orders of UBT group leader Uddhav Thackeray, the appointments of office bearers of many talukas in Yavatmal district were announced. The information about the appointments was given through a press release from Shiv Sena Bhavan. In this, Purushottam Bute has been appointed as Maregaon Taluka President and Diwakar Satpute as Secretary. In this, Raju More Taluka Organizer, Atul Wate as Coordinator, and Sachin Pachare as Liaison Chief have been appointed. Abhay Chaudhary has been appointed as the chief of Maregaon city, city organizer Vijay Khamkar, coordinator Praveen Bobde, liaison chief Badruddin Kaji, secretary Haribhau Varatkar, Maregaon taluka women office bearers: taluka organizer Indu Kinhekar, taluka coordinator Manisha Tonge, taluka liaison chief Vanita Kale, taluka secretary Radha Govardee, among the city women office bearers, women city head Varsha Kingre, city coordinator Mala Badaki, liaison chief Jija Vararkar, women city secretary Madhuri Nagrale were appointed. Everyone gave credit for the appointment to Uddhav Thackeray and MLA Sanjay Derkar.

## BJP office bearers showed the sight of untidiness to CO



**PUSAD / NAGPUR POST:** Pusad Municipality is like a palace of corruption... Since the appointment of the administrator, the picture of development and decay has become clear. Most of the officials in the municipality do not know the dignity of their position and what is its duty? And therefore they have appointed a routine of chair... self and comfort for themselves. The administrator of Pusad Municipality, Chief Officer Abhijit Vaikos, who is running the affairs of the municipality, knows how many lanes are there in the ward next to the office? This is also a big question. And to show the same, the Bharatiya Janata Party Pusad office bearers directly reached the municipality and took Chief Officer Abhijit Vaikos and took out a march on foot to inspect the unclean drains. While sitting in the office, the Chief Officer loudly said that the drains in Pusad have been cleaned. But when they actually went out on the road and saw the clogged drains, he was sweating with the words he spoke. The drains in every street and alley that the march took were found to be clogged with dirt. Even after looking at the garbage dump in front of the Maharashtra Minister of State's bungalow in New Pusad, the Chief Officer and the concerned department did not pay attention. Finally, out of shame, Chief Officer Abhijit Vaikos agreed his mistake. At this time, BJP District General Secretary Dr. Rupali Jaiswal along with all BJP office bearers gave a representation to Chief Officer Abhijit Vaikos and demanded immediate attention to the serious issue and take measures. As soon as he realized that his brass had been exposed, Chief Officer Abhijit Vaikos immediately appointed a team and assured that the drains of the entire Pusad city would be cleaned. At this time, BJP District President Dr. Aarti Fupate and City President Nilesh Pensionwar along with all the Bharatiya Janata Party office bearers were present in large numbers.

## Vishwamitra Minor Irrigation Project overflows

**Akola 27 June:** In Akola district, the Vishwamitra Minor Irrigation Project in Barshitakli tehsil reached full capacity and began overflowing. At Malsur, river water entered the village, while Sarkinhi village was cut off. Flooding in the Khobra stream in Barshitakli and Patur tehsils led to water entering several villages.

## Civil Services Guidance Camp and felicitation event on July 1

**Amravati 27 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A special initiative conceptualized by District Collector Ashish Yerekar aims to encourage and guide students in Amravati district aspiring for civil services. A felicitation programme and guidance camp for students who have cleared the UPSC and MPSC examinations will be held on Tuesday, July 1,

from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Shri Sant Dnyaneshwar Cultural Hall, Morshi Road, Amravati. Successful candidates, including those who have achieved IAS and MPSC ranks, will be specially felicitated at the event. The programme will feature motivational guidance sessions where these achievers, along with District Collector Yerekar, will share

insights on preparation strategies, success stories, and career opportunities in the administrative services. Organized by the Amravati District Administration, this event will serve as an inspirational platform for all students preparing for competitive exams. Aspiring candidates are encouraged to attend and benefit from the expertise shared at the camp.

## 'Constitution Killing Day' observed at BJP Pusad district office



**Pusad 27 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** The period from 25 June 1975 to 21 March 1977, when the Emergency was imposed in India, is considered a dark chapter in the country's democratic history. On this day, under the leadership of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, the Congress-led government enforced a state of Emergency that lasted over 19 months, during which

fundamental civil rights were suspended. Thousands of innocent citizens were arrested and subjected to severe oppression under the authoritarian regime. To commemorate this dark period and to protest against the imposition of Emergency, the BJP Pusad District Office observed "Constitution Killing Day," also referred to as "Emergency Protest Day." The event was presided over

by Yavatmal-Pusad BJP District Coordinator Nitin Bhutada. District BJP President Dr. Aarti Phupate, senior journalist Madhav Patil, keynote speaker Ravi Gyanchandani, and City BJP President Nilesh Pensionwar were present as chief guests. The introductory remarks were made by senior leader Vinodi Jilhekar, who also served as the event organizer. The event featured speeches from all the dignitaries, who reflected on the dangers of autocratic rule and the importance of safeguarding democracy. The programme was compered by Yogesh Rajee, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Nikhil Chiddharwar. On the occasion, the families of several individuals who were imprisoned during the Emergency were felicitated. These included the families of the late Balasaheb Atre, Narayanrao Patil, Uddhavrao Damkundwar, Balabhau Jilhekar, Yashwantrao Sarnayak, Vasudevrao Vyavahare, Manoharpant Kutumbe, Dr. D. Sh. Sarnayak, and Nanasaheb Jakote. They were honoured with shawls, coconuts, and floral tributes by the chief guests. A large number of BJP office-bearers and members attended the programme, marking the solemn remembrance of a critical episode in India's democratic journey.

## Woman killed, 7 hurt as shed collapses at chemical co

**Wani 27 June:** A woman worker was killed and seven others injured when a tin shed collapsed at Delight Chemical Company at Ganeshpur (Khadki) village in Zari tehsil of Yavatmal district, during heavy rains on Wednesday night. All injured were taken to a private hospital in Wani. They suffered minor injuries and were discharged after treatment. The deceased was identified as Ganga

Sugrivlal (21), a resident of Peritola village in Chhattisgarh. The injured include Sachin Dilip Chandeekar (27) from Krishnapur; Pushpa Namdeo Uike (40), Namdeo Kujja Uike (45), and Latabai Talande from Yergawan (Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur); Doma Gyanba Bhanre (45) from Saganapur (Tal. Maregaon); and Minabai Atram (42) and Nirasha Kanwar (42) from Chhattisgarh.

## Shahu Maharaj Jayanti celebrated at Dental College, Amravati



**Amravati 27 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A tribute programme was organised at the Dental College and Hospital, Wadali Camp, Amravati, on the occasion of Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj Jayanti, under the initiative of the Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Research, Training and Human Development Institute (SARTHI). As part of the event, information about SARTHI's various schemes and initiatives was disseminated among students,

trainees, staff members, and visiting patients. The programme commenced with the ceremonial worship of Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj's portrait, followed by a tribute offered in the presence of the college's Dean, Dr. Rajesh Gondhalekar. Guided by Sub-Divisional Officer and Deputy Managing Director of SARTHI, Vivek Jadhav, details regarding the institute's various schemes were explained to the students, faculty, staff, trainees, and patients. Prominent attendees at the event included Dr. Yogesh Tandil, Govardhan Wankhade, Raghuveer Deshmukh, Sanjay Thakre, and Sopan Sable from the dental college. Representing SARTHI were Project Officer Shivani Hole, Computer Engineer Kiran Chapale, Junior Assistant Manoj Solanke, among others.

## Tourists advised to use alternative routes to Chikhaldara on weekends

**Amravati 27 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** District Collector Ashish Yerekar has issued a directive advising tourists to use alternate routes while traveling to the scenic hill station Chikhaldara, particularly on Saturdays and Sundays, in order to avoid traffic congestion. Chikhaldara attracts thousands of visitors, especially during the monsoon months of July, August, and September. The usual route via Paratwada to Chikhaldara often experiences heavy traffic due to the

narrow, winding roads and increased vehicular movement on weekends. This not only leads to congestion but also poses a risk of accidents involving wild animals, as the road passes through the Melghat Tiger Reserve, where wildlife is commonly sighted. To manage this, the administration has ordered that from now until September 28, 2025, **Weekend traffic to Chikhaldara should follow a one-way system:**  
\* Inbound traffic should follow the Paratwada-Dhamangaon-Chikhaldara route.

\* Outbound traffic (from Chikhaldara) should use the Chikhaldara-Ghatang-Paratwada route. This measure has been taken under the Maharashtra Police Act and the Motor Vehicles Act, and aims to reduce congestion, protect wildlife, and ensure tourist safety. Tourists are requested to strictly adhere to the new traffic arrangements and use the designated alternate routes.

BUSINESS

Samsung to launch new Foldables on July 9 in New York

**Gurugram 27 June:** For years, Samsung has designed its devices around what people truly need, such as better performance, sharper cameras and smarter ways to stay connected. And, with Galaxy AI, it goes beyond what devices can do — it's about how people interact with them. As AI rapidly becomes the new user interface, it's redefining our relationship with technology. No longer just a collection of apps and tools, the smartphone is evolving into a smart companion that understands user intent and responds in real time. This transformation moves us from reaction to anticipation — where, as AI becomes the UI, intent becomes instant. The next-generation Galaxy devices are being reimagined around a new AI-powered interface, supported by breakthrough hardware built to unlock their full potential. This future is already unfolding, and the best of Galaxy AI and Samsung craftsmanship is about to be unveiled. On July 9, Samsung Electronics will host Galaxy Unpacked in Brooklyn, New York to launch its next foldables.

Lauritz Knudsen Electrical & Automation launches its most ambitious product portfolio to power India's growth corridors

**New Delhi 27 June:** Lauritz Knudsen Electrical and Automation, a leader in the Indian electrical and automation sector, today unveiled its largest-ever product portfolio aimed at powering the nation's key industrial clusters and growth corridors. As part of this ambitious initiative, the brand is traversing 30 industrial cities across the country—engaging with local leaders, stakeholders, and ecosystem partners to accelerate technology adoption in the heart of India's manufacturing and infrastructure hubs. With a strong focus on low-voltage, industrial automation and solutions for new energy landscape, Lauritz Knudsen is driving a technology-led transformation that reaches deep into India's industrial backbone. This landmark campaign underscores the company's commitment to building a technologically advanced, economically resilient, and energy-smart India, in alignment with the government's Viksit Bharat 2047 vision. "At Lauritz Knudsen, our purpose is to deliver smart technologies that empower customers to work safer, faster, and smarter. Through this product showcase, we are reinforcing our belief that innovation must be accessible, adaptable, and relevant to the unique needs of every region across India. Whether it's automating a rice mill in Raipur, powering a textile mill in Coimbatore, or modernizing a plant in Pune, our portfolio is designed for impact," said Naresh Kumar, COO, Lauritz Knudsen Electrical and Automation.

OPPO launches K13x 5G

**Amravati 27 June:** OPPO India has introduced the OPPO K13x 5G, the toughest 5G smartphone in its segment—crafted especially for young students and early professionals who demand durability and all-round functionality without compromise. Engineered for resilience, the K13x 5G comes with SGS Gold Drop Certification and MIL-STD 810H military-grade standards, making it the most robust device in its class. Its 360° Damage-Proof Armour Body is built using aerospace-grade AM04 aluminum alloy, reinforced with Crystal Shield glass, and enhanced by a biomimetic Sponge Shock Absorption System inspired by deep-sea sponges. With IP65 water and dust resistance, the OPPO K13x 5G sets a new benchmark for durability, delivering unmatched toughness without compromising on style or usability. Priced at INR 11,999 for the 4GB+128GB variant, INR 12,999 for the 6GB+128GB variant and INR 14,999 for the 8GB+128GB variant, the OPPO K13x 5G will be available for purchase starting 27th June 2025 on the OPPO e-store and Flipkart from 12 PM onwards, in two colour options—Midnight Violet and Sunset Peach. Consumers purchasing this smartphone can avail an INR 1,000 instant discount on 4GB & 6GB variants and INR 2,000 instant discount on 8GB variant only on the sale day with select bank offers or with an exchange bonus of INR 1000 and an additional 3 months No Cost EMI option, bringing the effective price at INR 10,999, INR 11,999 and INR 12,999 respectively. Savio D'Souza, Head of Product Communications at OPPO India, said, "With the OPPO K13x, we are reaffirming our commitment to Gen Z's real-world needs: exceptional durability, fluid performance, and intelligent power efficiency—all at outstanding value. The K13x features a cutting-edge biomimetic shock absorption system, class-leading battery optimisation, and 5G readiness; the smartphone reflects OPPO's vision—redefining what is possible in an entry-level smartphone without compromise." Smriti Ravichandran, Vice President – Mobiles, Flipkart, said, "At Flipkart, we continue to see increasing demand for smartphones that not only deliver strong performance but also withstand the demands of everyday life. The launch of the OPPO K13x 5G addresses this growing consumer need for durability without compromise. With its military-grade toughness, innovative shock absorption system, and well-rounded features, the K13x is a compelling choice for young users looking for value, style, and resilience. We are excited to partner with OPPO once again to bring this powerful and durable device to millions of customers across India."

**Segment-Leading Durability, Fused with Style**  
The OPPO K13x 5G sets a new benchmark for durability in the sub-Rs 15,000 segment, bringing together aerospace-grade strength and biomimetic brilliance in a sleek, everyday form factor. At its core lies the AM04 high-strength aluminum alloy inner frame—an advanced material used in aerospace engineering that delivers 10% more durability than previous-generation alloys. This robust internal skeleton is complemented by a solid outer frame for comfortable handling, while the front is shielded with Crystal Shield Glass—the same flagship-grade cover glass offering 160% better impact resistance than conventional materials. To further reinforce its build, the K13x 5G also comes with a specially designed Anti-Drop Shield Case right in the box, offering instant and added protection. Going beyond conventional toughness, the K13x 5G draws inspiration from nature's oldest survivors—sea sponges. With over 700 million years of evolutionary wisdom, these organisms' porous, flexible structures inspired OPPO's Sponge Biomimetic Shock Absorption System. The system uses high energy-absorbing elastic materials to create internal buffer zones between component components and the phone's rigid frame. Lab tests demonstrate that this sponge-based architecture can reduce impact forces by up to 90%, providing advanced internal protection while maintaining a sleek 7.99mm profile and lightweight 194g build. It's the perfect blend of nature-inspired engineering and modern durability—proof that you don't have to sacrifice style for strength.

EDITORIAL

Duplicity on terror: Communique exposes China-centric SCO



Operation Sindoor, launched in retaliation to the Pahalgam terror attack, left no room for doubt about India's firm stand on terrorism emanating from Pakistan. Still, the world in general needed to be convinced about something that was as clear as daylight. Hence, multi-party delegations fanned out across the globe to drive home India's message about the nefarious designs of Pakistan and its close allies. The job is far from done, going by the glaring omission of the Pahalgam horror from the draft communique of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) defence ministers' conclave. It's obvious that host China, a premier founder-member of the SCO and Pakistan's all-weather friend, piloted this machination. India, represented by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, emphatically expressed its displeasure by refusing to sign the communique.

Record phone exports augur well, but challenges remain

Exports of mobile phones from India clocked more than \$3.09 billion last month, marking a success for the government's Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme. The export figure for May — an increase of 74 per cent over the same month last year — was the second-highest ever. The peak of \$3.1 billion was achieved in March when Apple exported more phones to the United States to avoid penal tariffs from April. Even shipments of Android phones have witnessed a strong growth. Smartphone exports rose to \$24.14 billion in 2024-25 from \$15.57 billion in 2023-24. Electronics is now the fastest-growing export category. Today, 99 per cent of the phones that India consumes are assembled in the country. Much of this scaling up can be attributed to the PLI scheme, but a larger question looms — can India go beyond smartphone assembly?

ENTERTAINMENT

Actors open up about their cosmic beliefs



**Mumbai 27 June:** From reading horoscopes over morning tea to finding guidance in number vibrations, astrology and numerology continue to spark curiosity and comfort. For some, these age-old practices are spiritual signposts; for others, they are daily-life rituals woven into their fabric. Among those who find value in these cosmic cues are popular & TV actors Himani Shivpuri (Katori Amma, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan) and Rohitashv Gour (Manmohan Tiwari, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai), who opened up about how astrology and numerology shape their thinking, routines, and outlook.

Himani Shivpuri, who plays Katori Amma in Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, shares with warmth, "I wouldn't call myself a hardcore believer in astrology, but it has quietly been a part of my life for years. Every morning before I step out, I glance at the day's horoscope in the newspaper. It's not about predicting the future but starting the day with a sprinkle of positivity. A few good lines can shift your mood for the better. The funny thing is, by the end of the day, I often forget what it even said, but that moment of optimism stays." She adds, "During temple visits or while travelling with friends, I have had my palm read a few times, mostly for fun or at someone's insistence. And each reader said something different, though all of it was positive. That's when I realised astrology is intriguing, but it's not a manual for life. I rely more on karma and my mindset. I believe if you do your work sincerely and stay kind and positive, the universe will find a way. Maybe astrology isn't always accurate, but is it your attitude? That's everything."

Rohitashv Gour aka Manmohan Tiwari shares, "For me, numerology has always resonated deeply. It's not just about lucky numbers; it's about understanding the energy behind decisions and events. Before taking any major step in life, I often consult numerology. It helps me feel grounded and gives me clarity. People often dismiss it as superstition, but to me, it's about vibration and intuition. Numbers carry their rhythm, and when you learn to read that, it's like a compass. In confusing or overwhelming times, I have found that numerology offers comfort and direction. It's not a crutch, it's a tool. And if something helps you stay balanced and confident, why not hold onto it? Life is unpredictable, and sometimes, even a little guidance can go a long way."

Watch Happu Ki Ultan Paltan at 10:00 PM, and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai at 10:30 PM, every Monday to Friday only on &TV!

**Rashmika Mandanna to headline upcoming Pan-India project 'Mysaa'**  
**Mumbai 27 June:** Actor Rashmika Mandanna will feature in the upcoming Pan-India project from Rawindra Palle, titled "Mysaa". The 29-year-old actor shared the news with a poster on her Instagram handle on Friday. She called her role "fierce, intense and extremely raw". "I always try to give you something new, something different... something exciting. And this.... This is one of those. A character I've never played before... a world I've never stepped into and a version of me that even I hadn't met till now," she wrote in the caption. "It's fierce.... it's intense and it's extremely raw... I am so nervous and super excited, I genuinely cannot wait for you to see what we're going to be creating. This is just the beginning." The film is produced by Unformula Films.

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Tribute to Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj

Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj, also known as Shahu Bhosale or the Fourth Shahu of Kolhapur, was a visionary ruler and a pioneering social reformer who ruled the princely state of Kolhapur from 1894 to 1922. He is celebrated across India, especially in Maharashtra, for his relentless efforts toward social justice, equality, and the upliftment of the marginalized sections of society.

**Early Life**  
Born on 26 June 1874 in Kagal (Kolhapur district) to the Ghatge family, Shahu Maharaj was originally named Yashwantrao. His father was Jaysingrao Ghatge and his mother was Radhabai. On 17 March 1884, he was adopted by Queen Anandibai, widow of the late King Shivaji IV of Kolhapur, and was renamed "Shahu." He pursued his education under British officer Fraser and later at Rajkumar College, Rajkot and in Dharwad. He married Laxmibai, daughter of Gunajirao Khanolkar of Baroda, on 1 April 1891. He was coronated in April 1894 and ruled for 28 years until his death on 6 May 1922 in Mumbai.

**Visionary Leadership and Social Reforms**  
Shahu Maharaj made primary education compulsory and free in Kolhapur. He took a strong stand against untouchability by abolishing separate schools for 'upper castes' and the so-called 'untouchables' in 1919. He promoted women's education through royal edicts and opened hostels for students from various communities, including Muslims, Jains, Lingayats, and Christians.

**Social Equality**

In 1902, he introduced 50% reservations for backward classes in government jobs, making him the pioneer of the reservation policy in India. He encouraged inter-caste and inter-religious marriages and passed laws to legalize widow remarriage and prohibit the Devadasi system and child sacrifices under religious garb.

**Economic Upliftment**  
To ensure self-reliance, he offered financial assistance and tools (like sewing machines) to marginalized communities to help them start their own businesses. He established institutions like the Shahupuri Market, Shahupuri Spinning and Weaving Mill, King Edward Agricultural Institute, and the Radhanagari Dam to support agriculture and industry.

**Fight Against Discrimination**  
He worked tirelessly to eliminate caste-based discrimination. He appointed Dalits as clerks, talashis, and granted them dignity by conferring honorary titles like "Pandit" and "Sardar." He made public spaces like wells, schools, and hospitals accessible to all castes equally.

**Criminal Tribes Reform**  
At a time when British authorities had labeled certain tribal communities as "criminal," Shahu Maharaj empathized with them. He integrated them into society by providing jobs, housing, and security, thus restoring their dignity.

**Support to the Freedom Struggle**  
Although a princely ruler under British India, he supported freedom fighters in Kolhapur and Belgaum. He provided financial and moral support to revolutionaries

and reformers.

**Association with Social Reform Movements**  
Inspired by Mahatma Phule, Shahu Maharaj was a major patron of the Satyashodhak Movement, promoting equality and rational thinking. He also provided crucial support to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, notably funding the publication of the weekly "Mooknayak" in 1920 with a donation of Rs 2500.

**Cultural Contributions**  
He was a patron of the arts, supporting music, painting, folk art, theatre, and wrestling. Artists like Abaial Rahiman flourished under his patronage.

**Educational Institutions and Hostels Founded**  
\* Victoria Maratha Boarding (1901)  
\* Digambar Jain Boarding (1901)  
\* Veershaiv Lingayat Hostel (1906)  
\* Muslim Boarding (1906)  
\* Miss Clarke Hostel (1908)  
\* Daivajna Shikshan Samaj Boarding (1908)  
\* Shri Namdev Boarding (1908)  
\* Panchal Brahmin Hostel (1912)  
\* Saraswat Brahmin Hostel (1915)  
\* Indian Christian Hostel (1915)  
\* Kayastha Prabhu Hostel (1915)  
\* Arya Samaj Gurukul (1918)

**Struggles and Legacy**  
Shahu Maharaj faced attempts on his life by orthodox elements who were

opposed to his reforms. Yet, his dedication remained unshaken. He upheld the legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and laid the foundation for a just and equal society. His declaration at the Mangav Conference, where he called Dr. Ambedkar "The Leader of the Dalits and of the Nation," shows his foresight and belief in Ambedkar's leadership.

**Lasting Honour**  
His birth anniversary, 28 June, is observed as Social Justice Day in Maharashtra.

The Rajarshi Award is presented annually by the Rajarshi Shahu Chhatrapati Memorial Trust.

He is revered across India as a champion of the oppressed, father of social reservations, and the Maharaja of the Masses.

Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj's life was a shining example of compassionate, inclusive, and progressive governance. His commitment to justice, education, and equality continues to inspire generations.

Salutations to the great reformer Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj—The Torchbearer of Social Justice and Equality.

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Zee TV actors share their monsoon memories!

**Mumbai 27 June:** As the monsoon makes its grand arrival, it brings with it more than just overcast skies and sudden showers—it evokes emotion, slows down the city's frenetic pace, and invites nostalgia. From the aroma of hot pakoras to the rhythmic patter of rain on windowpanes, there's a certain romance that only this season can stir. For our beloved Zee TV actors like Abhishek Malik from Jamai No. 1, Bharat Ahlawat from Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, Priya Thakur from Vasudha, Mohak Matkar from Saru, Pranali Rathod from Kunkum Bhagya, and Vijayendra Kumeria from Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah said, "Ahmedabad doesn't get as dramatic a monsoon as Mumbai, so when I moved here, I wasn't prepared for the emotion of it all. The rains in this city feel like a character—they demand your attention. I have a ritual now. I make myself a cup of masala tea, put on Kishore Kumar classics, and just sit by the window—no phone, no distractions. It sounds simple, but it brings me immense peace. On a day off, I don't mind staying indoors during the rain. In fact, I love it. It's my time to cook, clean, reorganise my thoughts—and my kitchen! (laughs) I usually end up making poha or sabudana vadas while watching the rain outside. My daughter also loves dancing in the rain, and I let her. I want her to have those memories too. Monsoon for me is about slowing down, appreciating the small things, and allowing nostalgia to wrap itself around you." Mohak Matkar, who essays the role of Saru in Zee TV's Saru said, "There's something about the monsoon that instantly makes life feel more poetic. The rain slows everything down — and in that stillness, memories come flooding back. I vividly remember my school days, running out to find my grandparents waiting with a big umbrella and a warmer smile. Our little tradition? Wrapping in vada pav or crisp bhajiyas. Stopping in newspaper, followed by tea at home as old classics played on the radio. Even today, I hold on to those moments. When it drizzles softly in the morning, I like taking long walks—no phone, no distractions—just me, the rain, and my thoughts. Sometimes, it inspires me to write; other times, I end up experimenting in the kitchen, trying to recreate my nani's old recipes like dal wada or methi thepla. On the sets of Saru, we all find comfort in sharing a round of chai and swapping stories. To me, monsoon isn't just a season—it's a feeling. Of warmth, stillness, and the kind of nostalgia that makes you pause and smile."

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# Panchdhara Dam and 14 religious places to get status of 'Category C' sites

## Guardian Minister Dr Pankaj Bhojar's efforts bear fruit

**Wardha 27 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** To develop district tourism and religious infrastructure, the Panchdhara Dam in Ridora which is a popular picnic spot in Wardha district, has been granted 'Category C' tourism site status. Additionally, 14 religious sites across the district have been officially selected as 'Category C' pilgrimage centers. This decision was taken during the District Planning Committee meeting held on June 23 which was presided over by the Guardian Minister Dr. Pankaj Bhojar. Due to consistent efforts of Dr. Bhojar, Wardha district is witnessing rapid development of tourism and religious places. The committee approved 'Category C' status for various religious sites and 'Category B' and 'Category C' status for key tourism locations in the district. The religious sites that have been granted 'Category C' status include Shri Sant Lotangan



Maharaj Sansthan in Gaul (Deoli taluka), Shri Vitthal-Rukmini Temple in Charamandal and Bhondai Mata Temple in Bori Kokate (Selu taluka), Shri Hanuman Temple in Sindi Railway, Shri Ram Temple in Girad (Samudrapur taluka), Shri Sant Maharaj Sansthan in Susundra (Karanja taluka), Shri Vasudev Yog Pratishthan in Pipri Meghe, and Shri Swami Samarth Seva Kendra in Nuji Mhada Colony, Sindi Meghe (Wardha taluka), Shri Maruti Temple in Arvi Railway, Supari Mata (Tulja Bhavani) Temple in Bargaon Meghe, as well as Shitla Mata Temple, Shri Ram Temple, and Sant Sakhubai Sansthan in Hinganghat. Additionally, Mahadev Temple in Sawangi Meghe has also been included in the list. The revered Shri Sant

### BIT Wardha wins National TECHZIBITION Championship



**Wardha 27 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Demonstrating exceptional technical prowess, the team "Electrical Maestros" from Bajaj Institute of Technology, Wardha claimed top honors at the prestigious TECHZIBITION competition during IIT Roorkee's "Cognizance 2025" tech fest held from March 21-23. The team's groundbreaking project on smart electric vehicle charging solutions impressed judges at the national-level event, where they competed against 35 teams from premier institutions across India to win the coveted first prize along with a cash award of Rs 1,05,000. Their winning innovation, the "Smart Charging System for Electric Vehicles (SC4EV)", addresses critical energy challenges by intelligently optimizing power sources between the grid, solar energy and battery storage. The system developed by second-year Electrical

Engineering students Purva Dhakade, Sakshi Chafle, Sarthak Nagose, Saurabh Chandankhede and Vedant Mahajan under the guidance of professors Aniruddh Marothia and Kirti Madan represents a significant advancement in sustainable mobility solutions. Principal of BIT Dr. Narendra Kane and Shiksha Mandal President Sanjay Bhargav praised the students for this achievement and stated it as a testament to the institution's focus on fostering innovation and technical excellence among its students. This remarkable victory not only brings glory to the institute but also showcases the potential of young engineering minds to develop practical solutions for India's evolving energy needs. The accomplishment has further motivated the college administration to strengthen its support for research and innovation initiatives, paving the way for more such groundbreaking projects in the future.

### New students welcomed at Vivekananda Vidyalaya



**YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST:** New students who were admitted in Vivekananda Vidyalaya run by Vishuddha Vidyalaya here were welcomed with enthusiasm. On the occasion of the entrance ceremony, a welcoming gate of colorful balloons was set up in the school. The office bearers of this institution, school teachers and alumni showered flowers on every student entering through that welcoming gate and applauded. On this occasion, the school's flagpole played the welcome song. Five young ladies wearing saris greeted all these newly admitted students. A selfie point was set up in the school for the students. The children stood in it and took photographs. In a small program held on this occasion, the president of Vishuddha Vidyalaya and Commerce College Trust Vinayak Date, Secretary Vijay Kaslikar, director, Sushma Date, Headmistress Meenakshi Kale, Supervisor, Vivek Aloni distributed school books to the children. On behalf of the former students, Ajay Sakravat,

Shyamkant Dagwar, Prashant Pohankar, Vasudev Vidhate, Ajay Dahiwalakar, Megha Bhaskarwar, Rajesh Deshmukh, Hari Dodshettiwar, Sanjay Shelar and Vinod Shinde, who passed the tenth class in 1987, distributed notebooks and pens to all the students. On this occasion, chocolates were given to all the students on behalf of the school. Speaking at this program, the president Vinayak Date, while wishing the children, advised them to take up the education in this school with all their heart for the next six years. On behalf of the former students, Vasudev Vidhate and Vinod Shinde, reminiscing about the fond memories of the school, said that just as this school has shaped us, you too should acquire the right values from here. Headmistress Meenakshi Kale delivered the introductory remarks. Vivek Kavathekar conducted the program and Jaya Behere proposed the vote of thanks. All the teachers, non-teaching staff and new students of all classes were present.

# Air pollution levels in Chandrapur city exceeding prescribed limit

## CMC commissioner directs officials to implement campaign for ensuring pollution control

**Chandrapur 27 June:** Various measures are being taken by the government & administration to get rid of pollution, so everyone must participate in this campaign. Since the air pollution level in Chandrapur city is significantly more than the prescribed limit and is in the vicinity of alarming levels, all government departments have been directed to implement a campaign for sake of ensuring pollution control, said CMC commissioner Vipin Paliwal, Chairman of the National Clean Air Committee Chandrapur, in a review meeting held under the National Clean Air Programme on Friday (June 27). There is a lot of pollution emanating from vehicles and factories in our city, but burning rubber tires, straw and other waste in turn creates a lot of smoke and carbon is spread in the air. If coal is burnt in the morning and evening, its smoke level is initially tolerable as far as our breathing is concerned but after a certain extent, it is



Civic chief Vipin Paliwal issuing directives during the meeting as other officials look on

dangerous. He also directed to implement a campaign through the RTO office for the next few days. As per the campaign, it will be ensured that all vehicles in the city must be PUC certified. It is our responsibility to provide clean air, clean water and clean roads to the new generation. Awareness about this should be disseminated in our city, society and family. It is necessary to dispose off sewage and waste properly. He directed the CMC's sanitation observers to pay special attention to the fact that waste should not be burnt. On the occasion, the officials put forth their views on topics such as air quality management plan, healthcare sector related planning, transport sector planning, industrial sector related planning, noise pollution related planning, pollution control in the city and future action plan in this concern. Dr. Prabha Rao Scientist, NEERI, CMC Additional Commissioner Chandan Patil, Deputy

Regional Officer of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Civil Surgeon, District Supply Officer, Executive Engineer PWD, General Manager of CTPS, General Manager Ferro Alloy, General Manager (Environment) WCL, Deputy Regional Officer RTO, Deputy Police Inspector (Transport), City Engineer Ravindra Hazare, Dr. Amol Shelke, Suresh Chopane, Gopal Mundhada, Eco Pro President were prominently nt during the meeting.

# Kiran Thakre's protest gains momentum

## Deoli to observe complete bandh today

**Deoli 27 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** The indefinite hunger strike staged by Kiran Thakre, President of the Yuva Sangharsh Morcha, entered its third day today. Thakre is staging his protest at the local weekly market square, demanding the removal of a drainage line in front of the APMC to expand and widen the road.



issue with Thakre but yet no assurance has been given by senior officials officially so Thakre has vowed to continue

his indefinite hunger strike. The agitation has getting widespread support from Devli residents. To intensify this agitation, all political and social organizations in the town have called for a complete Devli bandh tomorrow. Local traders have also pledged voluntary participation in the shutdown. There is growing concern that the agitation may intensify if the administration continues to ignore the demands.

# 70 Students selected in various companies in employment fair

## 20 Candidates given appointment letters

**Chandrapur 27 June:** 70 Students were selected in the apprenticeship recruitment fair held at Government Industrial Training Institute, Chandrapur on Thursday (June 26) and 20 candidates were given appointment letters immediately. Under the guidance of Vocational Education and Training Officer and Principal Vaibhav Bongirwar, the Basic Training and Supplementary



Private Limited, Vaibhav Enterprises and Placement Services and others participated in this recruitment drive. A total of 260 students participated in this employment fair. On the occasion, the Chief Officer of the Industrial Training Institute and Assistant Apprentice Advisor Prasad Dahate highlighted before the

Coordinator of Apprenticeship Cell and Right Walk Foundation Chandrapur and Gadchiroli Division disseminated information about apprenticeship, its benefits, selection process and soft skills that a candidate needs to inculcate in order to succeed in corporate life. The programme's proceedings were conducted by Yogesh Dhawane. < On the occasion, Vijay Tandale, Manoj Patil, Khobragade and other coordinators as company coordinators, Lokhande, Mahato of BTRI as well as Group Director of Industrial Training Institute Nandeshwar, Nimsarkar, Chandekar and other employees were prominently present.

# JSW Steel conducts successful anti-counterfeiting raid in Nagpur

**Nagpur 27 June:** In a significant move to protect its brand identity and customer safety, JSW Steel successfully carried out a raid on 25th June 2025. The raid, carried out in collaboration with local law enforcement at Rudra Enterprises Nagpur resulted in the seizure of counterfeit JSW Colour Coated Sheets. Following the raid, legal action was swiftly initiated. An FIR with charges including violations under Section 51 and 83 of the Copyright Act was filed. This legal move underscores the seriousness of the offenses and JSW Steel's commitment to protecting its intellectual property rights. The success of this operation was largely due to the seamless collaboration between JSW Steel and local law enforcement. This partnership demonstrates the effective synergy between corporate entities and law enforcement in combating counterfeit products. Initial investigations revealed that certain persons were involved in the illegal manufacturing, selling, and profiling of counterfeit coated sheets bearing fake branding that closely resembles JSW Steel's genuine

products. These counterfeit items were being marketed as original JSW Steel products. JSW STEEL strongly condemns the unauthorized use of its trademarks, logos, and other intellectual property. In its ongoing efforts to protect its brand reputation and goodwill, JSW Steel diligently monitors and takes action against counterfeiters and any entities infringing on the company's intellectual property rights. JSW STEEL's products and solutions have built a strong reputation over the years, trusted for their superior quality and innovative approach. The company remains committed to maintaining the highest standards and will continue its efforts to monitor and take action against illegal activities that threaten its brand and assets. Going forward, JSW Steel plans to maintain its vigilant stance against counterfeit products. The company will continue to work closely with law enforcement agencies to protect its intellectual property rights and ensure that consumers can trust in the



authenticity and quality of its products. This raid serves as a strong message to counterfeiters and reinforces JSW Steel's position as a responsible corporate entity committed to maintaining the highest standards of product quality and business ethics.

### World Yoga Day celebrated at District Legal Services Authority

**YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST:** World Yoga Day was celebrated in association with the District and Sessions Court, District Legal Services Authority, District Lawyers Association and Art of Living. For the Yoga Day, under the chairmanship of Chief District and Sessions Judge Nagesh Bhavkar, the Secretary of District Legal Services Authority Deepak Dabhadre, President of District Lawyers Association Sanjay Jain, the District Coordinator of The Art of Living Yoga Instructor Dr. Suprabha Yadgirwar, as well as all the judicial officers, lawyers and staff of the headquarters were mainly present.

Chief District and Sessions Judge Nagesh Bhavkar encouraged the attendees to practice yoga and took an oath to do yoga regularly. The District Coordinator of The Art of Living Dr. Suprabha Yadgirwar explained how important yoga is in daily life and how necessary it is for the body and its benefits as well as the types of yoga. 8th Associate Civil Judge Mrs. S. R. More proposed vote of thanks. All the judicial officers and court employees of Yavatmal headquarters participated spontaneously in this yoga camp.

# MP Sanjay Deshmukh assures farmers of compensation after assessing cyclone induced damage

**Pusad 27 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Member of Parliament Sanjay Deshmukh visited various cyclone-affected villages in Pusad taluka and assured farmers that he would pursue compensation from the government for their agricultural losses. During his tour, he visited villages including Vanwaria, Chondhi, Banshi, Pimpalgaon, and Mungshi, where he assessed crop damage and gathered information directly from the farmers. He also inaugurated developmental works at Manikdoh under the Maharashtra Tribal Development Scheme in the presence of local villagers. Several leaders and officials accompanied him, including Shiv Sena (UBT) Deputy District Chief Adv. Virendra Raje, Taluka Chief Ravi Pande, City Chief Vaibhav Sune, along with officials from the Revenue Department and Tribal Development Office.



# Sharad Bawankule passes away, donates eyes posthumously



**Nagpur 27 June:** A prominent resident of the city, Sharad Bawankule (73), passed away at 4 pm on Thursday (June 26) due to a severe cardiac arrest. A pall of gloom has descended among Bawankule family members

and friends in the aftermath of his demise. Late Bawankule was committed to several social causes throughout his life. He has set an example before the society by donating his eyes at Madhav Netralaya. People will get sight due to his philanthropic work. His mortal remains had been kept at his residence at Vrindavan Garden, Khamla. His funeral procession left from his residence at Vrindavan Garden at 9:30 am on Friday (June 27) and he has been cremated at Sahakar Nagar Mokshadham. Late Sharad Bawankule is survived by his two sons, Dr. Nishant and Engineer Vikrant, besides several other family members.

### Amol Rane passes away



**YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST:** Amol Sambhaji Rane (44), a resident of Kale Layout here, passed away during treatment in Nagpur due to a minor illness. The last rites were performed at the Vadgaon Mokshadham on Friday afternoon. He is survived by his wife, son, mother, father, brother and sister. He was the son of Sambhaji Rane, a retired Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Yavatmal Zilla Parishad. Citizens from all walks were present in the funeral.

## Unsafe bridges, impassable roads speak volumes of neglected civic amenities in Balapur



**Balapur 27 June:** The torrential rains that lashed the district recently have fully exposed the miserable state of Balapur. While life in other areas may have been disrupted temporarily, in Balapur, the rains laid bare the crumbling basic infrastructure. Roads, lanes, and bridges — everything appeared damaged and unsafe. The main roads in the town are riddled with such large potholes that once filled with rainwater, the real condition of the road becomes invisible. Even animals hesitate to walk these paths, so one can only imagine the plight of ordinary citizens and vehicle drivers. Falling and getting injured while walking these roads has now become a common occurrence. The most alarming situation concerns the bridge over the Man River, which flows through the heart of the city. Due to blocked drainage, the river overflowed and ran over the bridge, damaging its surface and breaking the safety railing. This bridge connects Balapur to the Mahesh River

have demanded immediate repairs and the restoration of safety railings on the damaged bridge to prevent any major accidents. Rainwater has entered several riverside homes in the city. The water levels of both the river and the drains have risen significantly. In view of this, an appeal has been made to citizens not to attempt crossing rivers or drains under any circumstances, especially during potential flood situations. People living near the riverbanks are advised to stay alert and avoid taking their livestock near the water, said Vaibhav Faratara, Tehsildar of Balapur. The concerned department has been informed of the current condition of the bridge. Until proper repairs are made, vehicle drivers should proceed with extreme caution while crossing the Man River bridge. In particular, local heavy vehicle drivers are advised to use alternate routes, authorities informed.

## Nehru College students rekindle old memories after 20 years



**NER / NAGPUR POST:** Nehru College, Ner, conducted an alumni meet for the 2004-05 batch of 12th commerce. Parmanand Agarwal, President of Nehru Shikshan Sanstha, presided over the event. Prof Suresh Dhoke, BS Masarkar were also present. At the outset, the traditional lamp was lighted and the teachers were welcomed. Some alumni presented poems, while others performed music. However, the main highlight of the event was a slide show of old photos, which brought tears to everyone's eyes. Shrenik Singhvi, Ashish Dhote, Kunal Kasambe, Vijay Bhalerao, Kiran Dhande, Renuka Rathod, Vivek Rathod, Harshal Rathod, Yogesh Indane, Jaya Ghodekar, Praful Dongre,

Vijendra Patmase, Tushar Deshewar, Nitin Dumbare, Nitin Pawar, Ram Maske, Rajkumar Meshram, Vikram Nimkar, Rupali Jaisingpure, Prashant Chavan, Dinesh Chavan, Swapnil Tidke, Sagar Raut, Yasmin Sheikh, Sudhir Giri, Prakash Bhoir, Sagar Raut, Akash Dhole, Preeti Patwar Babita Salodkar and others participated in this. During the event, many alumni and even teachers stated that it is important to organised such alumni meet to kill stress, which is today a serious issue. These reunions are proving to be a positive energy source and an effective means of relieving mental stress. Meeting old friends, reminiscing and cultural programmes fill alumni with new enthusiasm. The need for such activities for mental health is increasingly being felt.

## Dr. Deepak Gharjode receives Maharashtra Bhushan Award



**YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST:** Arogya Bharati Yavatmal's newly appointed member Dr. Deepak Gharjode has made a great contribution to the field of psychiatry in Yavatmal. He recently organized a seminar, lecture and public interaction on the increasing juvenile crime and student suicide in Yavatmal. Autism Day was observed on April 3rd to create awareness about the rapidly increasing mental disorder of children in Yavatmal, which is self-absorption. Social organization took notice of his social work. He also helped government employees to become mentally strong by

## 'Nanddeep' cremates one who died during treatment



**YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST:** Along with rehabilitating homeless mentally ill people, Nanddeep Foundation also cremates bodies found abandoned. Similarly, Govinda Shende (50), who died during treatment at a government hospital, was cremated in a Hindu crematorium. On June 17, a person admitted Govinda Shende to Shri Vasantrao Naik Government Medical College and Hospital for treatment without disclosing his information. After that, he was initially treated in the emergency department and then in the ICCU of the medicine department for three days. But on the evening of June 20, he breathed his last. The government hospital administration informed the city police station about this. It requested that appropriate action be taken at its level regarding this unidentified body. After that, the city police informed the matter to Sandeep Shinde, director of Nanddeep Foundation. Shinde, with the help of his fellow rehabilitation volunteers Nishant Sayre, Kartik Bhande, Swapnil Sawale, Krishna Mule, Akshay Banore and Muralidhar Gabane, performed the burial of the body on June 25. Police Inspector Janardhan Rathod of the city police station and municipal council employees were present on this occasion.

## Nagpur-Mumbai Samruddhi Expressway flooded in Buldhana after rainfall, traffic comes to a standstill

**Buldhana 27 June:** A sudden, cloudburst-like downpour in Maharashtra's Buldhana district on Tuesday caused severe flooding on the Nagpur-Mumbai Samruddhi Expressway, halting the Sabra-Fardapur interchange in Mehkar taluka. The torrential rain, which lashed the region without warning, led to waterlogging under a highway bridge, submerging a major portion of the expressway. Vehicles were left stranded for hours as rainwater entered



nearby riverside settlements. and local authorities are investigating unconfirmed

## Seed company representatives offer prayer for rain



**ARNI / NAGPUR POST:** Kharipa cultivation has been done in large quantities in the taluka. Farmers have planted cotton in large quantities in the fields this year due to the rains before the Mrig Nakshatra. But so far, the rains have fallen in a discontinuous manner, which has created a situation where farmers are facing the problem of sowing again. Due to this, the farmers have their eyes fixed on the sky. If it had rained then, the crops would have stood tall. Then, there are many seed company representatives in the taluka to ensure good production in Kharipa this year. Today, on June 26, they performed a puja and Abhishek to the Siddheshwar Mahadev temple here and offered prayers to Varunraja to ensure good rains this year and good production of Baliraja. This year, a meal was organized for 120 elderly people at the late Matoshree Sushilabai Nagpure Old Age Home on this occasion. Representatives of all the agricultural vendors and seed companies in the city and farmers from the taluka were present on this occasion. For the success of this program, Ravi Rathod (President), Abhijit Adone, Sandesh Tovar, Manoj Sonone, Deepak Karade,

## Aditya Mandade wins gold medal in National Powerlifting Championship



**Pusad 27 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Aditya Tukaram Mandade from Pusad has brought pride to Vidarbha by winning a gold medal at the recently held National Powerlifting Championship in Devnagar, Karnataka. Competing in the under-18 category, Aditya secured the top position in the deadlift event by lifting an impressive 257.5 kg. Aditya is currently a Class XII student at Gyanadeep Academy in Pusad. He credited his success to the guidance of his parents and teachers. This victory marks Vidarbha's first gold medal in 2025 in powerlifting. Aditya now aims to represent India at the international level and win gold for the country. His achievement serves as an inspiration to many young athletes aspiring to excel in sports.

## Encroachment removal campaign should be temporarily canceled



**NER / NAGPUR POST:** The Public Works Department has given notices to remove encroachments on the roads in Ner city. A statement regarding the temporary suspension of this encroachment removal campaign was given to the Assistant Engineer Patel of the Public Works Department by the encroached business owners and a statement was also given to the Guardian Minister of the district Sanjay Rathod. At present, the rainy days have started and people from the villages come to Ner city for shopping and selling. Schools and colleges have also started and students also crowd the shops on the sidewalks for shopping and selling. Many encroached businessmen have filled their shops with a lot of goods for this season. Similarly, if an encroachment campaign comes, then such businessmen have a big problem of where to keep the goods in the shops during the

## 'Krishnaleela' students succeed



**YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST:** The April 2025 session examination was conducted by the All India Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Mumbai. In it, the students of 'Krishnaleela' Music School, Bajorianagar, achieved remarkable success. Mahi Rameshwar Bulhe obtained special merit in singing (entrance full) and

## Enthusiastic response to blood donation camp organised on SBI's foundation day



**UMARKHED / NAGPUR POST:** A blood donation camp was organised in Umarched on Wednesday (25) on the occasion of SBI's foundation day. In which officers and employees of the bank participated. At the beginning of the program, Kedar Konde, Deputy Manager of Umarched Branch, donated blood and started the program. A large number of blood donors

## Teli Community felicitates meritorious student duo

**Amravati 27 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** The Teli Samaj Organisation and BJP Labour Front honoured two outstanding students from Rukmini Nagar and Rajendra Colony with shawls and floral bouquets. Gauri Gajanan Vanaskar scored over 80% in the HSC examination, while Abhay Chetan Divare achieved the same distinction in SSC. The felicitation was carried out by BJP Labour Front Secretary Bhagyashree Deshmukh, Teli Samaj President Sunil Malode, and other community members including Jayant Autkar, Mukesh Badne, and Nitin Wadhodkar. The initiative was applauded for encouraging educational excellence within the community. The dignitaries extended best wishes to the students for future endeavours.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all public that Mr. Umesh Vithoba More, resident of Aamshet, Taluka Arni, District Yavatmal, is an owner and possessor of Gaonthan Property No. 184, admeasuring 1000.00 sq.ft., situated within the Gaonthan area of Mouje Aamshet, Taluka Arni, District Yavatmal.

Mr. Umesh Vithoba More, intends to mortgage the said property with a financial institution or bank. Therefore, through this public notice, any person, institution, bank, or organization having any prior claim, right, lien, mortgage, agreement, loan, litigation, or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever on the above-mentioned property is hereby called upon to submit their objections, if any, in writing along with supporting documents within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no objections are received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all encumbrances, claims, disputes, or legal complications, and Mr. Umesh Vithoba More, shall be at liberty to proceed with the proposed mortgage or any other legal transaction concerning the said property.

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## Young Kalam Discovery Science Centre ignites scientific curiosity among NMC school students

**Nagpur 27 June:** In a significant step towards fostering scientific temper among school students, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has set up the Young Kalam Discovery Science Centre at the Hindi Mor School in Ramdaspath. The initiative, supported by HCL Foundation and Social Economic Development Trust (SEDT), aims to enhance students' interest in science through hands-on experiments and interactive learning. The centre is open to students from Classes 5 to 10 and offers exposure to various branches of science. It also conducts objective tests based on the knowledge imparted during their visit, helping assess the students' understanding and reinforcing scientific thinking among young minds. HCL Foundation has provided financial assistance for the centre, while the concept has been developed by SEDT. The facility introduces students to the fascinating world of science, offering them an opportunity to witness live demonstrations and experiments beyond their regular classroom learning. NMC Commissioner and



Administrator Dr. Abhijit Chaudhari, Additional Commissioner Vaishnavi B., and Education Officer Sadhana Sayam are actively guiding efforts to strengthen scientific learning across municipal schools. Dr. Chaudhari recently visited the centre and appreciated the work being done. Earlier, science models and experiments from HCL Foundation's Kewadi Centre in Parbhani were brought to Nagpur to enrich the local facility. The initiative, which started in 2017, was initially housed at Lalganj in Itwari before being shifted to Barrister Sheshrao Wankhede Vidyashiksha in Ramdaspath in 2019. NMC

has provided three classrooms, which have been converted into fully equipped laboratories. At the Young Kalam Discovery Science Centre, students experience fascinating experiments related to Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Astronomy, and other scientific fields. On arrival, students appear for a 30-mark objective test to assess their existing knowledge. After guided lab sessions by facilitators Nikhil Lakhane, Kalidas Nakade, and their team, students undergo a second test, where significant improvement is often observed.

**The experiments cover a wide range of scientific concepts, including:**

- Solar and wind energy models
- Eclipse demonstrations (solar and lunar)
- Archimedes' principle
- Optical illusions
- Periodic table
- Newton's colour wheel and Tower of Pisa models
- DNA structure and human body parts
- Concepts of centripetal and centrifugal force
- Water harvesting and soil types
- Various electronic devices and science games

The centre's hands-on approach allows students to practically experience scientific theories they learn in school. This not only deepens their understanding but also boosts their enthusiasm for science. The initiative has helped many students participate in science fairs and competitions, with several winning prestigious INSPIRE Awards. Under the leadership of SEDT CEO Ajinkya Kulkarni and HCL Foundation Manager Piyush Wankhede, the centre continues to serve as a platform for nurturing young scientific minds and expanding their knowledge horizons.

## Companions' book to be released on July 5

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, other dignitaries to grace event

**Nagpur 27 June:** 'Companions', a book brought out by Sobati Seva Foundation, a Pune-based NGO working for the terminally-ill patients and their close kin, will be released at a function in Nagpur on Saturday, July 5, 2025. Nitin Gadkari, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister, and Swami Raghavendranand, President of Ramakrishna Math, Nagpur, will release the book at Kavi Kulguru Kalidas auditorium, Persistent Systems, IT Park, Gayatrinagar, Nagpur, at 6.15 pm on July 5, 2025. Sobati Foundation has been serving patients suffering from terminal illnesses like end-stage renal disease (ESRD) and cancer through counselling and guidance. The institute also assists close companions of the terminally ill patients by helping them consolidate their lives by looking after their own physical, mental, and emotional fitness, managing finances, developing rapport with doctors and so on. Chandrashekhar Welankar, a

director of the institute, has written a book titled 'Sobati' on this theme. It was released in Pune in February 2025 by eminent writer and translator Leena Sohoni. 'Sobati', published by Amalash Books, Pune, has been getting a good response. The second edition of 'Sobati' and the first edition of its English version, titled 'Companions' will be released in Nagpur. Varsha Welankar, director of Sobati Seva Foundation and a terminally-ill person herself,

Vivek Deshpande, sponsor of the English edition and Co-Founder of Spacewood, and Sushrout Kulkarni of Amalash Books, have called upon those working in the socio-medical field, doctors, volunteers, and readers to attend this programme.

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## New train to boost Nagpur's direct connectivity to Gwalior and Bengaluru



**Nagpur 27 June:** In a significant step towards strengthening direct rail connectivity between

Madhya Pradesh, South India, and Maharashtra, Indian Railways has launched the Gwalior-SMVT Bengaluru Express, which will directly benefit passengers from Nagpur as well. The inaugural run of the train was flagged off on Thursday, with regular services set to commence from June 29 from Bengaluru and July 4 from Gwalior. The new service will provide Nagpur residents with seamless rail connectivity to Bengaluru, India's prominent IT hub, as well as to Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh. The train will pass through key stations including Shivpur, Guna, Ashok Nagar, Bina, Vidisha, Bhopal, Betul, Nagpur, Sewagram, Chandrapur, and Balharshah, before reaching its final destination at SMVT Bengaluru.

The train will halt at Nagpur station for five minutes.

**Schedule details:**

- Train No. 11085 (Bengaluru-Gwalior Express):

Departs from SMVT Bengaluru every Sunday at 3:50 pm, arriving in Gwalior on Tuesday morning. En route, it will reach Nagpur on Monday at 3:50 pm, departing after a brief 5-minute halt at 3:55 pm.

- Train No. 11086 (Gwalior-Bengaluru Express):

Departs from Gwalior every Friday at 3:00 pm, reaching SMVT Bengaluru on Sunday morning. The train will arrive at Nagpur on Saturday at 5:50 am, departing after a 5-minute halt at 5:55 am. The new express train is expected to ease travel for business, IT professionals, and students, while also boosting economic and cultural ties between Central and Southern India.

## Nagpur Police on high alert ahead of Muharram, Ashadhi Ekadashi on July 6

**Nagpur 27 June:** Maharashtra Director General of Police (DGP) Rashmi Shukla has placed the entire state police force, including Nagpur, on high alert ahead of Muharram and Devshayani Ekadashi (Ashadhi Ekadashi), both falling on July 6. The alert comes amid concerns over rising global tensions, particularly the Iran-Israel conflict, which authorities fear could impact communal harmony during the religious observances.

The directive was issued during a statewide video conference held on Wednesday, with instructions for heightened vigilance and preventive measures. In Nagpur, where the Shia Muslim population is concentrated in areas like Mominpura, Hasanbagh, and Kamptee, the police are taking no chances. Muharram, marking the martyrdom of Imam Hussain, sees mourning rituals and processions in these pockets. Simultaneously, thousands of Hindu devotees are expected to throng temples, including the renowned Koradi Mahalaxmi Temple, to observe Ashadhi Ekadashi with fasting and prayers. Given the convergence of these significant events, police have ramped up security arrangements.



"Following the March 17 riots in central Nagpur, we have strengthened our intelligence network and increased patrolling in sensitive, mixed-population areas," a senior police official said.

Police are holding meetings with community leaders from both communities to promote peace and cooperation. Additional checkpoints, quick-response teams, and CCTV surveillance have been deployed across the city, particularly along procession routes and religious gathering spots. DGP Shukla has directed officers to maintain strict vigilance and report any suspicious activity immediately.

"The priority is to ensure that members of all communities can observe their religious practices in a safe and peaceful environment," the official added.

## Nagpur Division TRD department boosts staff safety with High-Voltage Di-electric Insulated Safety Shoes

**Nagpur 27 June:** In a proactive move to enhance the safety of its frontline workforce, the Traction Distribution (TRD) Department of Central Railway's Nagpur Division has procured advanced di-electric insulated safety shoes. These shoes are specially designed to provide essential protection for staff working in high-voltage electrified sections, particularly during maintenance and repair operations involving Overhead Equipment (OHE) with voltages ranging from 25 to 27 kV. The key feature of these safety shoes lies in their di-electric properties, which offer reliable insulation against electric shocks up to



30 kV. This significantly reduces the risk of life-threatening injuries while working in electrically hazardous environments. Additionally, the shoes are

equipped with slip-resistant soles, ensuring firm grip and stability, especially during the rainy season or on wet surfaces—conditions commonly encountered during fieldwork. This added safety feature is crucial for maintaining balance and preventing accidents at work sites. By equipping staff with these technologically advanced safety shoes, the TRD Department reinforces its commitment to creating a safe and secure working environment for its personnel. Central Railway, Nagpur Division remains committed to prioritizing the safety of its workforce through continuous technological upgradation and adoption of best practices.

## Water enters IGMCH surgical complex after overnight downpour



**Nagpur 27 June:** In a serious security lapse, rainwater entered the operation theatres, ICU, and general wards of the surgical complex at the state-run Indira Gandhi Government Medical College and Hospital (IGMCH) during the early hours of Thursday. Videos captured by hospital staff showing waterlogged corridors and critical units quickly went viral on social media. Hospital personnel described the chaotic scene, saying even doctors had to walk cautiously through flooded areas. "Imagine what could have happened if a short circuit occurred in the ICU's electrical systems during the flooding," a concerned staffer remarked. The downpour—recorded at 32.4mm on Wednesday night—caused waterlogging across the city. IGMCH, which is currently undergoing major renovation including additional floors above the surgical complex, is suspected to have developed roof leaks due to ongoing construction. Top officials from IGMCH remained unavailable for comment at the time of filing this report. Updates will follow once a response is received.

## NRHA slams MERC order: Calls for reconsideration in interest of hospitality sector

**Nagpur 27 June:** The Nagpur Residential Hotels Association (NRHA) has expressed serious concern regarding the recent MERC Order (Case No. 75 of 2025) that reclassifies hotels from industrial to commercial electricity tariff. The association believes that this move could pose significant challenges to the hotel industry, particularly in Vidarbha, a region still striving for balanced economic development. "This decision is unfortunate for the hospitality sector, which is

already navigating several post-pandemic challenges," said Tejinder Singh Renu, President of NRHA. "The change in classification and marginal increase in tariff is likely to escalate operational costs for hotels, many of which are small and medium enterprises working hard to stay afloat." The reimbursement procedure outlined in the order requiring hoteliers to pay commercial tariffs first and then apply for refunds has raised concerns over increased procedural

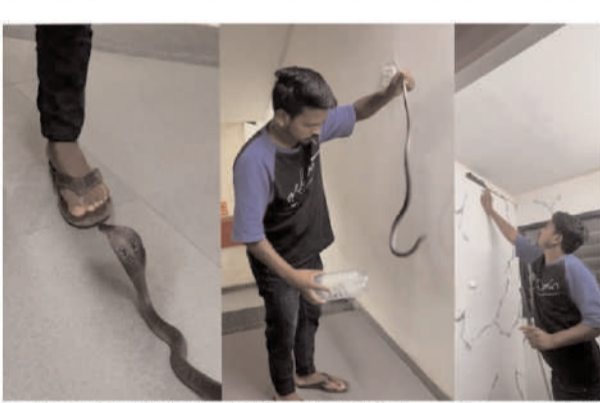
burden. "While we appreciate the intent to support the industry through refunds, the process as it stands appears to be complex and time-consuming," Renu added. Deepak Khurana, secretary of NRHA highlighted the reduction in permitted solar usage hours for commercial establishments, which NRHA believe may discourage further investment in renewable energy. "The hospitality sector in Vidarbha has been making sincere efforts to embrace green energy.

A more enabling environment would go a long way in sustaining this transition," he said.

NRHA has requested the MERC and the state government to revisit this decision and consider continuing the industrial tariff classification for hotels, especially in regions like Vidarbha which are still developing their tourism and service economies. Balanced regional growth is a shared goal, and we hope this concern will be addressed in that spirit.

## Panic at Shalinitai Girls' Hostel as venomous cobra found in washroom

**Nagpur 27 June:** A late-night scare gripped the Shalinitai Girls' Hostel of Datta Meghe Medical College in Nagpur on Thursday after a highly venomous cobra was discovered hiding inside the washroom on the hostel's fourth floor. The incident occurred around 11 pm when a hostel resident entered the washroom and was shocked to find the snake coiled inside. The terrified student immediately alerted the security guards. Recognizing the seriousness of the situation, the guard quickly contacted snake rescuer Akash Meshram from the VSS Group. Meshram reached the hostel within minutes and skillfully captured the snake, ensuring no harm was caused to anyone. It was later confirmed that the snake was a cobra, known for its highly venomous nature. The incident created



panic and anxiety among the hostel residents.

However, thanks to the student's alertness, the prompt action of the security personnel, and the timely intervention by the snake rescuer, a potential tragedy was averted. While the student, security staff, and snake rescuer Akash Meshram are being widely praised for their alertness and swift action, the incident has also raised serious questions

regarding the safety arrangements at the hostel. Parents and students are now demanding stricter safety measures, regular inspections, and fumigation to prevent such incidents in the future. Nagpur Today appeals to the authorities to take the matter seriously and ensure proper preventive measures and regular monitoring to safeguard students residing in the hostel.

## CJI Gavai to open India's 1st Samvidhan Park in Nagpur today



**Nagpur 27 June:** The wait of over 8 years has ended. Country's first Samvidhan Prastavika Park (Constitution Preamble Park) developed in the premises of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar School of Law in Nagpur is opening for the public. Newly appointed Chief Justice of India Justice Bhushan Gavai will inaugurate the park on June 28 at 11 am. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari will be the guests of honour. Nagpur's Guardian Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule, Minister of Social Justice Sanjay Shirsat, Senior Administrative Judge of Nagpur Bench of Bombay High Court Justice Nitin Sambre, Chairman of Constitution Preamble Park Committee Dr Girish Gandhi, Chief Secretary of Maharashtra, Sujata Saunik will be special guests.

Justice Chancellor of Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Nagpur University (RTMNU) Dr Madhavi Khode-Chaware will preside over the function. Pro Vice Chancellor Dr Subhash Kondawar, Registrar Dr Raju Hiwase and Director of Ambedkar School of Law Dr Ravishankar Mor will remain present. The expenditure involved in the project was approximately Rs 10 crore. It was supposed to be collected through public participation, though funding from the Government and RTMNU too had a share. The architectural

design has been done by Sandip Kamble. On November 26, 2019, on Samvidhan Divas, bhoomipujan was performed. Mumbai-based Naishtika Audio Visuals LLP, a creative agency, has crafted an innovative, tech-driven educational experience at the Constitution Park. The entire team at Naishtika spent six months conducting in-depth research and developed the project in consultation with the Constitution Preamble Park Committee, Ambedkarite intellectuals, and constitutional experts. At Constitution Preamble Park, visitors will be able to engage with the following audio-visual experiences: 1. QR Code-based Audio Guides – Visitors can scan QR codes placed across the park to listen to informative audio content about the Constitution.

his will help in better understanding the meaning and context behind the murals and displays. 2. VR Storytelling for Children – An immersive virtual reality film (5-10 mins) designed especially for children, presenting constitutional values in an engaging and age-appropriate way. 3. Short Documentary – A 15-20 mins concise yet impactful documentary focused on the making of the Indian Constitution and the significant contributions of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar. 4. Holographic Presentation – A 3D holographic recreation of one of Dr Ambedkar's historic speeches, giving the audience a powerful experience as if Babasaheb himself is standing before them and speaking directly.

## Bihar youth held in Rs 50 lakh sextortion case in Nagpur

**Nagpur 27 June:** The Cyber Police have arrested a 20-year-old youth from Bihar in connection with a sextortion racket, where a young man from Nagpur was allegedly blackmailed and extorted of nearly Rs 50 lakh over several weeks. The arrested accused, identified as Sundarkumar Kundankumar Singh, a resident of Purnia district, Bihar, is believed to be the mastermind behind the cybercrime, police said. According to police, the 25-year-old victim, employed with a reputed company in Nagpur's Sonegaon area, first came in contact with an unknown woman in January 2025. Claiming to be a student from Delhi University, originally from Gorakhpur, the woman struck up a casual conversation with the victim. Over time, their interaction continued on WhatsApp, where the woman earned the victim's trust and sent him an objectionable photograph. Influenced by the conversation, the man reciprocated by sending a similar photo of himself. Soon after, the woman began threatening to make the victim's photo viral on social media platforms. Terrified of public humiliation and damage to his reputation, the



young man succumbed to the blackmail and transferred a total of Rs 49,34,286 to the accused through multiple transactions. Unable to bear the mental stress and mounting financial loss, the victim finally approached the Sonegaon Police Station, following which a formal complaint was registered on May 4 under relevant sections of the Information Technology Act and fraud charges. During the course of the investigation, Cyber Police traced the digital footprints leading to Sundarkumar. It was revealed that he orchestrated the entire extortion plot and is suspected to be part of a larger sextortion network.

A police team was dispatched to Bihar, where they apprehended the accused and brought him to Nagpur for further interrogation. Officials suspect that Sundarkumar may be linked to similar crimes across other states, and there could be more victims who have not yet come forward.

## Leaking bus, soaked passengers: IndiGo's shoddy service at Nagpur Airport

**Nagpur 27 June:** Passengers of IndiGo Airlines flight 6E 5147 faced major inconvenience at Nagpur Airport on June 25, after being forced to travel in a dilapidated bus with a leaking roof amid heavy rain. The aircraft landed safely, but instead of being taken to the terminal via an aerobridge, passengers were transported in an ageing airport bus, leaving them drenched by the time they reached the terminal. Several frustrated passengers captured the ordeal on video, which has since gone viral on social media. The footage shows passengers, including women, senior citizens, and children, rushing through the rain towards the bus and struggling with water dripping inside the vehicle. Adding to the controversy, Maharashtra Minister of State Ashish Jaiswal and Saoner MLA Ashish Deshmukh were also on board the flight. Both leaders expressed strong displeasure over the incident while speaking to the media. "It is extremely dangerous and utterly humiliating for passengers to be subjected to such conditions," remarked Minister Jaiswal, demanding accountability from the airport authorities. Passengers questioned why the aerobridge was not used despite heavy rain being forecast,



termining it a serious lapse in basic passenger facilities. Notably, complaints regarding poor infrastructure and inefficient arrangements at Nagpur Airport have been raised in the past, but authorities seem to have taken little corrective action. Following the incident, there has been widespread criticism of both Nagpur Airport authorities and IndiGo Airlines on social media. Several passenger associations have called for a thorough investigation and strict action against those responsible. They also stressed the urgent need for robust emergency planning to prevent such incidents, especially during the monsoon. Experts have termed the practice of ferrying passengers in leaking buses not only inconvenient but also a potential health and safety hazard. The incident has once again raised serious questions over the preparedness and operational standards of both the Nagpur Airport management and IndiGo Airlines.

## Assistive equipment distributed to disabled and elderly on Adv Ashish Jaiswal's initiative

**Ramtek 27 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** On Friday (June 27) assistive devices worth Rs 10.35 lakh was distributed to a total of 121 disabled and elderly beneficiaries under the Vayoshree Yojana and other govt schemes at Snehsadan Divyang Mulanchi Shala, Shitalwadi at the hands of Minister of State, Adv Ashish Jaiswal.

On the occasion, Minister of State, Ashish Jaiswal, said that the state government will soon announce the procedure for distributing the 1 percent fund reserved for the disabled by the District Planning Development



Committee through the Divyang Welfare Department and the disabled brethren will get invaluable assistance from it in order to improve their standard of living. He also

said that a new initiative will soon be implemented through Majha Divyang Sahayta Kaksh, namely the Divyang Sahitya Bank initiative to get the necessary equipment and materials for the disabled quickly.

Former Sarpanch of Shitalwadi Dharmaraj Rahate, Sanjay Yenukar, Vikas Jaden, Sanket Kathikar, Dr. Akash Yadav (Clinical Prosthetist and Orthotist), Rudra Dhanraj Chopde, Nikhil Kasare, Principal of

Sneha Sadan School Pankaj Pande, teachers of the school Pradip Bagde, Pritam Mankar, Savita Atkar, Priya Dube, Kishwar Sheikh, Pravin Mahalle, Pravin, Ashok Patode, Amanjeet Sachin Jaden, Emroy Dixit, Mohan Bangde, Nitin Khewale, Atul Ghodakade, Vishal Bhajipale, Sunita Masram, Manisha Narule, Meenakshi Waghdhare, Ashwini Gore and others were present during the programme.

This programme received special support from the Prosthetics Corporation of India, Kanpur and CRC Nagpur.

## Deadline for installation of HSRP number plates on vehicles extended till August 15

**YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST:** It is necessary to install HSRP on vehicles from the perspective of reducing the crimes committed by tampering and forgery in the number plates of vehicles, identifying the vehicles running on the road and also from the perspective of national security. The deadline for installation of this number plate has been extended till August 15. All vehicle owners in the district have been appealed to install the number plate within this deadline. The Transport Department has issued instructions for installation of HSRP number plates on vehicles.

appointed in the district for this. A booking portal <https://mhhsrp.com> has been decided for installation of HSRP number plates. Vehicle owners should book on this portal and get the said number plate installed before August 15. For HSRP number plates, a fee of Rs 450 will be charged for two-wheelers and tractors, Rs 500 for three-wheelers and Rs 745 for all other vehicles. If the vehicle owners have any complaints regarding the installation of number plates, they can file a complaint on the portal of the relevant service providers as well as at the Sub-Regional Transport Office. If the HSRP number plate is not installed, the transfer of ownership of

the vehicle, change of address, loading and unloading of finance, secondary copy, insurance renewal, etc. will be stopped. Penal action will be taken against vehicles without HSRP number plates in the future. If the owners of 25 or more two-wheelers, four-wheelers, auto-rickshaws, taxis, buses, trucks apply for installation of HSRP number plates anywhere in the district, the HSRP number plates will be installed at their convenient place or in the housing society through the concerned agency without charging any additional fee, informed Deputy Provincial Transport Officer Prashant Deshmukh.

## Maharashtra to save Rs 66,000 crore in power purchase

**Electricity Tariffs to Drop Further: Mahavitaran CMD Lokesh Chandra**

**Mumbai 27 June:** Maharashtra is set to witness a significant reduction in electricity tariffs, thanks to an estimated Rs 66,000 crore savings in power purchase costs over the next five years. The announcement was made by Mahavitaran Chairman and Managing Director Lokesh Chandra during a press conference held in Mumbai on Thursday. These savings, the result of extensive planning and investment in renewable energy under the leadership of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, will be directly passed on to consumers, leading to a tariff reduction for domestic, commercial, and industrial users over the next five years. "We have made strategic efforts over the last two and a half years, which are now yielding long-term benefits for all electricity consumers," Chandra stated. The Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) has approved Mahavitaran's proposal for tariff reduction, aligning with the state's future power strategy up to FY 2034-35. Accompanying Chandra at the press meet were Mahavitaran directors Sachin Talewar (Operations), Yogesh Gadkari (Commerce), Anudeep Dighe (Finance), and Rajendra Pawar (Human Resources).

**Renewable Energy at the Core of Future Strategy**

To meet Maharashtra's projected electricity demand, Mahavitaran has signed power purchase agreements to add 45,000 MW of capacity over the next five years. The focus is largely on renewable energy sources—solar, wind, pumped hydro, and battery storage. "Electricity from these sources will be available at cheaper and stable rates, contributing to massive cost savings,"

Chandra explained. Highlighting the success of Mukhyamantri Saur Krishi Vahini Yojana 2.0, a 16,000 MW solar power project designed to supply daytime electricity to farmers at an average rate of Rs 3 per unit, Chandra emphasized that such innovative schemes are crucial in reducing long-term power procurement expenses. He further noted that electricity rates from solar and pump storage systems will remain fixed for 25 and 40 years, respectively, enabling Mahavitaran to maintain tariff stability and further reduce prices in the years ahead.

**Electricity Tariff to Remain Unchanged for Five Years, May Reduce Further**

Mahavitaran has assured that electricity tariffs in Maharashtra will not increase for the next five years. In fact, rates may further decrease after this period due to the stable cost structure of renewable energy.

An additional benefit is expected to be domestic consumers with smart meters—an 80 paise per unit discount for usage between 9 am and 5 pm will continue. Chandra clarified that smart meters not only offer transparency in billing but have also drastically reduced billing complaints in areas where they are operational.

**Maharashtra's Industrial Power Tariffs Are Competitive**

Addressing concerns over high electricity tariffs for industries, Chandra dismissed the claims as unfounded. He asserted that when current concessions are considered, Maharashtra's industrial tariffs are competitive with other states. He added that in the next five years, industrial tariffs will further drop and become lower than those in industrial hubs like Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.

## Arogya Sankalp Abhiyan organised on occasion of Guardian Minister Sanjay Rathod's birthday

**5433 patients examined and 2610 patients will be treated at Sawangi Meghe**

**YAVATMAL/NAGPUR**

**POST:** On the occasion of the birthday of the State Soil and Water Conservation Minister and Guardian Minister of the district Sanjay Rathod, the Arogya Sankalp Abhiyan was implemented in Digras, Darvha, Ner. A total of five thousand 433 patients were examined in the health camp jointly organized by Maa Arogya Seva Samiti Yavatmal and Acharya Vinoba Bhave Rural Hospital Sawangi (Meghe) run by Datta Meghe Medical Institute. Two thousand 610 patients with serious diseases will be sent to Sawangi (Meghe) for further treatment. Many diseases are treated free of cost in government hospitals. However, the treatment of serious diseases like cancer, kidney, brain diseases is expensive and costly. The citizens of the constituency should not spend even a single rupee on the treatment of such expensive diseases. In order to ensure that all treatment is free for them, regular health check-up camps are being organized in Digras, Darvha, and Ner talukas every three months for the past several years through

Guardian Minister Sanjay Rathod. This free health check-up, treatment, surgery, and medicine distribution camp was organized in Digras, Ner, and Darvha under the Arogya Sankalp Abhiyan. Citizens in all three talukas turned up in huge numbers for this camp. Ophthalmology, medicine, pediatrics, surgery, gynecology, orthopedics, ear, nose, throat, skin, respiratory diseases, dental and oral diseases, mental disorders, heart disease, kidney disease, brain disease, neurosurgery, plastics surgery, radiology, Ayurvedic, and cancer patients were examined and treated free of cost. A total of 5,433 patients, 1,824 in Digras taluka, 1,760 in Ner, and 1,849 in Darvha taluka, benefited from this camp. Out of these patients, 2,610 patients will be admitted to Sawangi Meghe for further treatment. These patients will be taken to Sawangi Meghe from Digras, Ner, Darvha for further free treatment through the Public Relations Office of Guardian Minister Sanjay Rathod. After examination there, patients who will not be treated at Sawangi Meghe will



be taken to Nagpur, Mumbai for treatment.

All treatment is provided free of cost to all patients through government schemes. For the treatment of diseases which cannot be treated through government schemes, financial assistance is provided through the Maa Arogya Seva Samiti under the guidance of Guardian Minister Sanjay Rathod. Guardian Minister Sanjay Rathod bears all the expenses of expensive treatment for serious diseases, various blood tests

of patients, medicines and travel and food of all patients and their relatives. To avoid any inconvenience to the patients going to Sawangi Meghe for treatment, patient attendants have been appointed in the hospital there, as in Yavatmal. These patient attendants provide all the services to the patients going for treatment from the camps in Digras, Darvha, Ner talukas.

The health workers arrange for their various tests, medicines, accommodation and meals. The doctors

working in this camp shared their experience that due to these health camps held regularly in Digras, Darvha and Ner talukas, the number of patients suffering from various diseases is decreasing. Sanjay Rathod's identity as a social worker and a health worker was newly highlighted through this health resolution camp.

Many patients responded that the desire to solve the health problems of the public as a health worker is still strongly felt in the work of Minister Sanjay Rathod.

## Shiv Sena UBT faction demands basic facilities



**DIGRAS / NAGPUR**

**POST:** Shiv Sena UBT group office bearers submitted a statement regarding basic facilities with various demands on Friday, June 27 at the Nagar Parishad office. Smooth water supply, switched off electric street lights, cleanliness, cleaning of drains before the monsoon, Ghanta Gadi, excessive

taxes, classes should be started from class 5th to 8th in the Nagar Parishad schools, cleanliness of the NP yoga bhavana, starting an updated gymnasium by the NP, construction of a journalist building, toilets, payment of the outstanding amount of the Gharkul and issuance of leases in the remaining areas of the city.

Shiv Sena UBT group taluka chief Ravindra Argade, city chief Rahul Deshpande, other office bearers and activists submitted a statement to Chief Officer Atul Pant. Meanwhile, Pant satisfied the petitioners by giving suggestions to the concerned department heads regarding basic facilities.

## Pavement blocks reinstalled in Deurwada after Nagpur Post's report



**Chandur Bazar 27 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):**

In a clear example of the power of media the Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikar (MJP) has reinstalled paver blocks in Deurwada following a news report published by Nagpur Post.

The paver blocks, originally installed by the Public Works Department, had been removed during MJP's infrastructure work in the area. However, despite the work being completed long ago, the removed blocks were not reinstated, causing inconvenience to residents. After Nagpur Post brought the

issue to light through a detailed report, the very next day, the concerned authorities acted swiftly and replaced the paver blocks. Citizens have appreciated the newspaper's follow-up and pressure, which led to the resolution of a long-standing issue. However, questions remain regarding the lack of action against encroachments in the area, and when similar repair work will be carried out for other disrupted sections. Nevertheless, the swift response to media coverage has become a talking point among villagers.

## Anti-Drug Day event organised at Gurukul School



**Pandharkawada 27 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):**

International Anti-Drug Day programme was organised at Gurukul Medium School in collaboration with Gurukul School and Police Department Pandharkawada. On the occasion, Assistant Police Inspector Ramakant Khandare, Police Sub-Inspector Raghupati, Police Head Constable Ganesh Isal, School Principal Swapnil Kulkarni, Vice Principal Amit Kale and other dignitaries were present on the dais. Khandare explained various aspects and hazards to students as far as drugs & side

effects of drug use are concerned and he also acquainted them about anti-drug laws in detail. On the occasion, the students interacted with Khandare through their inquisitive questions and were apprised of the significance of Anti-Drug Day observance. The programme's proceedings were coordinated by Assistant Teacher Narendra Lokhande.

Pramod Ramteke proposed the vote of thanks. All the teachers and non-teaching staff worked hard for the successful organisation of the programme.

## Megha Thakre honoured with 'Yogratna' award for propagating Yoga in Naxal affected regions

**Amravati 27 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):**

Megha Laxman Thakre, a renowned expert in yoga, naturopathy, and dietetics, has been honoured with the prestigious 'Yogratna' award for her dedicated service in spreading yoga across the Naxal-affected and remote areas of Gondia district for the past 12 years. The award was presented at a special function organised by AYUSH International Medical Association and the AYUSH Department at Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar.

The ceremony was inaugurated by Dr. Balasaheb Pawar, with AYUSH International

Medical Association Vice President Dr. Nitin Raje Patil as the chief guest.

Megha Thakre has conducted over 360 free yoga camps in tribal and underdeveloped areas and has promoted positive social change through tree plantation drives, awareness rallies, school yoga camps, and child education initiatives. In the past four years, she has also extended her services to rural areas in the Amravati district. Her relentless efforts in promoting health, mental well-being, and moral values have made her an inspirational figure, and her work continues to serve as a guiding light for others.

## SELFIE COMPETITION



Our esteemed reader Dipanwita Kumar with her family.

## House break-in and vehicle theft case solved by LCB Unit 5 in Nagpur

**Nagpur 27 June:**

The Crime Branch Unit 5 of Nagpur Police cracked a house burglary and vehicle theft case reported earlier this month in Hudkeshwar jurisdiction, recovering stolen jewellery and identifying multiple crimes committed by the accused. Between June 8 and 13, complainant Mangesh Sonkusare of Vaishnavi Nagar had left his locked house for an afternoon visit. On returning, he found the lock broken and gold-silver jewellery worth Rs 29 thousand and Rs 5 thousand cash missing. An FIR was registered under IPC Sections 305(A), 331(3), and 331(4). Through technical analysis and reliable intel, the

Crime Branch nabbed 23-year-old Akash Durgalal Gautam from Shivshambhu Nagar, Kalamna. During interrogation, Akash admitted to committing the burglary with his accomplice, Sagar Verma of Vijay Nagar, who remains absconding. Akash also confessed to a vehicle theft case under Ajni Police limits. The team recovered stolen jewellery worth Rs 34,550. The accused has been handed over to Hudkeshwar Police for



further legal proceedings. Investigation is ongoing. The breakthrough was achieved under the supervision of Commissioner Ravinder Kumar Singal, Jt. Commissioner Navinchandra Reddy, Addl. Commissioner Vasant Pardeshi, DCP Rahul Mekanikar, and ACP Abhijeet Patil.

## BJP office bearers arrested for lethal assault on computer operator

**Chandur Bazar 27 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** In a shocking incident highlighting internal discord within the BJP, a computer operator employed at the public relations office of BJP MLA Pravin Tayde was seriously injured in a violent assault allegedly carried out by BJP office-bearers. The incident took place around 10:30 PM on June 22 in Chandur Bazar. The victim, Prajwal Shankarrao Daware (26), a resident of Ashtoli, works as a computer operator at the Chandur Bazar office of MLA Pravin Tayde. According to the police complaint, Daware was on his way home when he was confronted near Nanori Phata by former BJP Taluka President Murli Makode and Vishal

Taywade. A verbal argument between them quickly escalated, leading to Makode and Taywade allegedly attacking Daware with a steel rod. The blow struck Daware on the left side of his head, causing profuse bleeding. He was immediately taken to the Sub-District Hospital in Chandur Bazar for medical treatment. Based on his complaint and the medical report, police have registered a case and taken action against both accused. The incident has sparked questions about safety within the ruling party. If BJP office-bearers themselves are not secure under a government led by their own party at both the central and state levels, what protection can ordinary citizens expect?