

First-ever stampede deaths at Gundicha Temple in the History of Puri Rath Yatra

Puri, June 29 (UNI) In a tragic incident during the Rath Yatra festivities, three devotees lost their lives and seven others were injured in a stampede-like situation in front of the chariots near the Gundicha temple at Saradhabali during the early hours of today. This marks the first such stampede-related deaths recorded at the Gundicha temple in the annals of Puri Rath Yatra history. In the past devotees have died in stampede in the Puri Rath Yatra during 2008, 2012 and 2015 but not never such stampede had occurred near the Gundicha temple, the nine day sojourn



of the trinity of the Sri Jagannath temple. While the state and district administrations attributed the tragedy to an overwhelming crowd of devotees seeking darshan

Odisha were shocked by the loss of three lives. The seven injured individuals are currently being treated at the District Headquarters Hospital. According to eyewitnesses, a large number of devotees had gathered near the Gundicha temple. Every hour, hundreds more were arriving in Puri to witness the deities on their respective chariots. The situation remained peaceful until the darshan was closed around 12:40 a.m. with the traditional "Pahuda" ritual—covering the idols with curtains.

Maha village earns PM's praise as National Carbon-Neutral Blueprint

Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, June 29 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi today lauded Patoda village in Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar district as a pioneering carbon-neutral model during his monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' broadcast. The village's comprehensive sustainability systems earned national recognition for transforming from drought-affected terrain to an ecological exemplar. "Patoda demonstrates how grassroots innovation achieves carbon neutrality," stated the Prime Minister. "Residents systematically segregate waste, treat wastewater before river discharge and utilise cow-dung cakes for last rites—planting memorial trees with the ashes."

Make MNLU one of the best universities: CJI

Justice Bhushan Gavai inaugurates MNLU buildings in Nagpur

Nagpur 29 June: Chief Justice of India Bhushan Gavai on Sunday inaugurated the administrative building and Central library building of Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU) in Nagpur. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Gavai, who is also the chancellor of MNLU, asked the faculty and

students to make the university one of the best in the world. He also recalled the decade-long journey of the

institution, thanked all those who contributed towards it, and hailed the support of Fadnis and Gadkari.



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शिवसेना माजी नगरसेवक दारुखा

Three die, one injured in road mishap

Beed, June 29 (UNI) Three people died and another was severely injured when two motor cycles collided with each other on the Bardapur-Hatola road in Ambajogai taluka of Beed district of Maharashtra. The accident occurred late last night, said police on Sunday. Deceased are Abhay Satish Chavan, Farooq Rahimkhan Pathan & Nasir Khajamian Sheikh.

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समस्त शिवसैनिक वणी विधानसभा

PM highlights public health gains

New Delhi, June 29 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi today highlighted India's public health milestones, growing grassroots participation and women-led development efforts, while reflecting upon the 50th anniversary of the Emergency. In the 123rd edition of his monthly talk show Mann Ki Baat, PM Modi recalled the nationwide enthusiasm surrounding the 10th International Yoga Day, observed on June 21.

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शिवसेना माजी नगरसेवक दारुखा

Citizens adopt aggressive stance, demand removal of encroachments

Issue warning of initiating hunger strike in case of non-compliance with demands

ARNI / NAGPUR POST: Due to encroachment on the main road in Godve Layout, which falls under Arni Municipal Council, it has become difficult to drive. Due to this, the citizens of Sisodia, Mahure, Chintawar Layout, Samarth Nagar, Green Park have been troubled. Citizens have warned the Municipal Council that the encroachment should be removed and the road should be cleared, otherwise they will block the road and go on a chain hunger strike. A statement had been given to the Municipal Council earlier as well. However, the encroachment on the main road passing through Godve Layout continues. Since the

road is very narrow, the possibility of accidents has increased. Many accidents have also injured some citizens. However, since the Municipal Council has not taken any action yet, the citizens have become aggressive and warned of an agitation.

The statement states that if action is not taken to remove the encroachment within seven days, they will set up a pavilion on the said road and hold a chain hunger strike. A statement was given to administrative officers Bhagyashree Kadam, Arshad Sheikh, Ganesh Aade. At this time, Anant Gawande, Raju Raut, Vishnu Shide, Dattaram Maske,



Sudhir Koshtwar, Bhupendra Sarag, Ganesh Chaudhary, Pramod Butle, Gajanan Madhavrao Chaudhary, Prakash Bora, Amol Mahure, Sandeep Mahure, Gajanan Raut, Buntly Bhale, Sudarshan Yenekar, N. D. Manwar, Kapil Madhewar, Ganesh Madewar, Sudhakar Maghade, Pratik Maghade,

Vijay Chaudhary, Suyog Chaudhary, Nivrutti Penore, Bhikusingh Chavan, Praveen Kale, Aryanath Ghodke, Muralidhar Karpenwar, Sagar Garad, Mahendra Arankar, Nitin Labhsetwar, Tulshiram Bokse, Santosh Ingle, Gajanan Chaudhary, Rameshwar Chaudhary, Manoj Maghade, Umesh

Achamwar, Mahesh Raut, Ganesh Madewar, Umesh Raut, Sharad Raut, Dhananjay, Bhaskar Jagtap, Anil Dakhore, Hiran Rathod, Sundardas Rathod, Ravindra Jagtap, Amol Raote, Surendra Chaudhary, Santosh Raut, Gajanan Matpalwar, Raju Dhole, Hari Ingle etc. were present.

Jagdambha Pharmacy's students succeed

KALAMB / NAGPUR POST: The results of the G-PAT 2025 and (National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research) NIPER 2025 examinations conducted by the National Board of Examination in Medical Sciences were recently declared. Six students from the graduate batch of Jagdambha Institute of Pharmacy, Kalamb have achieved success in this examination. The successful students include Mohit Halmare, Sudarshan Marabade, Mohan Sonule, Aman Bonde, Sheetal Bante, and Samiksha



Dhanuskar. The success is due to the hard work of the students, dedication in studies, and strong faith in their dreams. The institute has always instilled a love of studies in the students and has effectively carried out the work of preparing them for national

and international level competitive examinations. For this success, the institute's Secretary Dr. Sheetal Vatile, Director Pawan Vatile and Principal Dr. Rahul Bijwar, Head of Department Prof. Subodh Dhone specially praised the students.

Various programmes to mark Sanjay Rathod's birthday

YAVATMAL/NAGPUR POST: Shiv Sena has organised various social programs on behalf of Shiv Sena on the occasion of the birthday of Shiv Sena leader, state Soil and Water Conservation Minister and district Guardian Minister Sanjay Rathod on Monday, June 30. This social program will be held at various places in the district including Digras, Darvha, Ner. Meanwhile, Guardian Minister Sanjay Rathod will receive greetings from citizens on his birthday on Monday at the Rest House



in Yavatmal. He will meet citizens at the Rest House from 10 am to 2 pm. Shiv Sena has appealed to Shiv Sainiks and well-wishers who come to wish Guardian Minister Sanjay Rathod to come to the Rest House.

Rani Laxmibai Vidyalaya celebrates Praveshotav

YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: Rani Laxmibai Vidyalaya organized an entrance ceremony for newcomers. On this occasion, the president of Vishuddha Vidyalaya Sanstha, Vinayakdada Dates as well as Secretary Vijayrao Kaslikar, Headmaster Prasad Kulkarni, supervisor Devendra Bhise, former students of the 1987 batch of Vivekananda Vidyalaya Ajay Sakrawat, Shyamkant Dagwar, Dr. Pradeep Zilpilar, Prof. Vasudev Vidhate, Megha Bhaskarwar, Umesh Handa, Haribhau Daudshettiwar, Prashant Pohankar, Ajay Dahivalkar, Sanjay Shelar, Rajendra Deshmukh, Dr. Battalwar were present on the stage. The programme began with the worship of the idol and the welcome of the dignitaries. The programme was introduced by the



Headmaster Prasad Kulkarni. On this occasion, the 1987 alumni of Vivekananda Vidyalaya welcomed the admitted students by giving them a book set, register, pen, bouquet, and food. After that, the dignitaries and president of Vishuddha Vidyalaya Sanstha Vinayak Date wished the students in his guiding speech. The programme was coordinated by the school teacher Supriya Meshram, and the vote of thanks was given by Archana Padole.

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"Jago India Jago Fitness Campaign – No Excuses, Get Into Fitness!" Marked One Year of Transforming Lives, Headed to its 17th city Nagpur for 4-Day Fitness Drive

Nagpur 29 June: Soumen's Workout (No Machine Zone), a renowned fitness and slimming centre, proudly marked the first anniversary of its nationwide initiative, the "Jago India Jago Fitness Campaign." Launched on March 1, 2024, this campaign was designed to inspire Indians to embrace a healthier and more active lifestyle while addressing the country's growing obesity crisis. As part of its ongoing mission, the campaign geared up for a 4-day fitness extravaganza in Nagpur, held on April 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th across the following gardens and parks in Nagpur:

- *Joggers Park
- *Japanese Garden
- * Shivajinagar Garden
- Rajiv Gandhi Udyan
- *Dhantoli park

The Jago India Jago Fitness Campaign was driven by a singular goal—to fight obesity and transform India into a nation of health-conscious individuals. As obesity rates continued to rise, the initiative strove to educate and empower people across all age groups, making fitness a way of life rather than a choice. Over the year, the campaign made a significant impact, covering 15 major cities, including Kolkata,

Delhi, Jaipur, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Jamshedpur, Chennai, Guwahati, Goa, Ahmedabad, Amritsar, and more. Thousands of participants, aged 5 to 90, actively engaged in expert-led fitness sessions, personalized workouts, and motivational activities. One of the most inspiring highlights of the campaign was the participation of individuals from different age groups—particularly a 13-year-old child struggling with obesity, along with 70- and 75-year-old participants who shared their stories of staying fit through regular exercise. Their journeys became powerful testimonies to the campaign's message: fitness has no age limit. The campaign's distinctive "No Machine Zone" approach provided an alternative to traditional gym workouts, making fitness more accessible and engaging for people from all walks of life. It focused on conducting fitness programs in parks, gardens, beaches, and stadiums, with sessions scheduled in the early morning and evening to accommodate diverse routines. In addition to promoting physical fitness, Soumen's Workout



reinforced its commitment to public health by organizing awareness rallies, including the "World No Tobacco Day" march and the "World Obesity Day" rally for children. These events, running successfully for over a decade, further amplified the campaign's message of holistic well-being. Mr. Soumen Das, Proprietor of Soumen's Workout, expressed his

enthusiasm about this milestone, stating, "Mr. Soumen Das, Proprietor of Soumen's Workout, shared his thoughts on the occasion, saying, "The journey of the 'Jago India Jago Fitness Campaign' over the past year has been nothing short of transformational. We have witnessed people from all corners of the country and all walks of life come together under one

message—fitness for all. Seeing a 13-year-old take the first step towards health, or a 90-year-old break stereotypes through daily exercise, has been truly heartwarming. We are not just promoting physical fitness—we are igniting a national mindset shift. And this is just the beginning."

Encouraged by the overwhelming public response, the campaign planned further expansion, with intentions to introduce fitness programs in new cities and strengthen community-driven wellness initiatives. The success of the "Jago India Jago Fitness Campaign" underscored the growing awareness and enthusiasm for fitness in India, paving the way for a healthier future. With its strong foundation and unwavering commitment, Soumen's Workout continued to champion fitness and well-being, ensuring that more individuals could embark on their journey towards a healthier lifestyle. As the movement gained momentum, it aimed to make fitness a way of life for every Indian, breaking barriers and celebrating strength at every age.

Yavatmal Govt Tribal Boys and Girls Hostel students' agitation successful

Pandharkawada 29 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): The Maharashtra government has approved an increase in the DBT scheme implemented in the government tribal boys and girls hostels at the district level throughout Maharashtra. In 2017, the food provision system in tribal hostels was abolished and a scheme called DBT was implemented by the state government in 2017-2018. Due to this scheme, the amount of food and subsistence allowance was deposited directly in the students' accounts as a result of which the students had to make their ends meet through private mess. Over time, after crossing 8 years, this dearness allowance started decreasing and this started causing financial crisis on the students. There was no increase of a single rupee in this scheme for the last 8 years. As a result of this, there was a shortage of money as far as the students in the hostels were concerned. As a result of which the students had to eat outside by setting up private messes. In this, the DBT was also inadequate, due to which the financial expenses of the students had increased and they were on the verge of malnutrition due to not getting enough food. However, over this issue, the students of Tribal Boys and Girls Hostel, Yavatmal, staged a protest demonstration in 2023 at the Tribal Development Department Project Office, Pandharkawada, and then again on 16 December 2024 at PO Office, Pandharkawada, thereafter a 9-day sit-in agitation was carried out by the students, in the aftermath of which the Tribal Development Minister visited the protest site and assured that this demand would be fulfilled by 28 February 2025. However, since this demand was not fulfilled by 28 February 2025, the students were distressed due to repeated lip service and lack of concrete action. They therefore took the next drastic step. Two students from the



Tribal Boys Hostel, Yavatmal, first visited the tribal settlements in 10 districts of Maharashtra and organised a protest demonstration in each district and then a protest demonstration was held for the third time on 4 March 2025 in their own district, Yavatmal. The demand for DBT increase in the hostel was conveyed to the Minister for Tribal Development, Chief Minister, and 26 tribal legislators. The government had to take cognisance of this movement as it became a statewide agitation. The Maharashtra Cabinet has approved the demand for increase in the DBT scheme implemented in the hostel on 24 June 2025. In this way, the struggle of the students of the Government Tribal Boys and Girls Hostel, Yavatmal has borne fruit. Districts visited: Yavatmal, Amravati, Akola, Dhule, Jalgaon, Nashik, Pune, Sambhajinagar, and Chandrapur. Initially, under the leadership of two students, Deogadkar and Digambar Kodape, all the students in the hostel, prominently Kartik Gedam, Mahindra Atram, Nandkishor Gedam, Swapnil Neware, Ganesh Gaikwad, Kapil Meshram, Srushti Yedme, Raveena Tekam, Manasi Wathode, Ritika Urvate, Vitika Chandekar, Sakshi Gedam, Kishore Chichkar, Vitthal Thakre participated in the demonstration.

Ravindra Rathod, Nikhil Brahmarkar appointed

ARNI / NAGPUR POST: There has been a reshuffle in the Arni taluka BJP. Ravindra Rathod has been appointed as the taluka president and the highly educated Nikhil Brahmarkar as the Arni city. These appointments made by president BJP District President Adv Praful Chauhan. The responsibility of making the BJP victorious in the upcoming elections and strengthening the organization has been given to both of them by giving appointment letters. The party high officials have once again entrusted the responsibility of leading the BJP in the taluka to the Sarpanch of Navnagar Heta

village and agitating to solve the problems and issues of the common people with his unique method. Nikhil Brahmarkar has become the Arni city president. Both are young and they are working hard to solve the problems of everyone by being grassroots activists. In the next few months, the elections for the Swarajya Sanstha and Zilla Parishad, Panchayat Samiti will be held, in which they are appealing to win and strengthen the



strength of the BJP organization in the taluka. Ravindra Rathod and Nikhil Brahmarkar have given credit of their selection to former minister Madan Yerawar, former Union minister Hansraj Ahir, state minister Ashok Uike, MLA Prof Raju Todsam, Washim Yavatmal Lok Sabha coordinator Nitin Bhutada, Adv Praful Chauhan. BJP office bearers and workers congratulate both of them.

Shiv Sena (UBT) activists stage agitation against imposition of Hindi in schools

Chandur Bazar 29 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Following the directives of the party leadership, the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray faction) staged a protest in Chandur Bazar to oppose the government's decision to enforce Hindi language teaching from Classes 1 to 4. As part of the protest, the demonstrators symbolically burned the government resolution to express their strong disapproval. The agitators alleged that the government's move to impose Hindi on young students is a deliberate attempt to suppress the Marathi language and identity. They demanded that the decision be revoked immediately to safeguard the linguistic rights of Marathi-speaking citizens in Maharashtra. Prominent leaders who participated in the protest included District Chief Narendra Padole, Deputy District Chief Ashish Watane, Taluka Chief Shailesh Pandey, Yuva Sena Chief Roshan Jayasingpure, Deputy Taluka Chief Anil Sayande, Sambhaji Brigade Taluka Chief Pratik Katolkar, Regional Chief Dada Rao Tayade, Vijay Ghulaksh, Devendra Autkar, Mohit

Raut, Vikram Phukati, Manish Rathi, Chakdhar Pethe, Mangesh Sapdare, Prashant Khunte, Amol Gadge, Sanjay Shinde, Shankarrao Bhetalu, Kushal Bhetalu, Roshan Rathod,



Bandubhau These, Karan Harsule, Manoj Sable, Navneet Didalkar, and a large number of Shiv Sainiks. The protest reflected growing public sentiment in the region against what is perceived as cultural imposition, with calls for the preservation and promotion of the Marathi language in the state's education system.

Work on drain being constructed in faulty manner on National Highway stretch in Brahmapuri discontinued

Prof. Atul Deshkar's follow-up bears fruit

Brahmapuri 29 June: The work of widening the Christianand square to Wadsa Road in Brahmapuri town is underway on behalf of the National Highway Authority of India. A few days ago, BJP leader, former legislator Prof. Atul Deshkar & BJP office bearers inspected the drain construction being carried out by the contractor at this place which was being pursued in a faulty manner. The old channel of the Barai Lake was being closed and a new drain was being constructed. Due to the construction of the drain, there was a possibility that the water from the lake would end up entering the houses of the residents of Shesh Nagar during the monsoon season. During the inspection tour, former legislator Prof. Deshkar contacted NHAI officials from the construction site and requested to stop the construction work. But the officials had ordered the contractor to stop the construction work for the time



being. The work was stopped for the last few days. After that, a meeting of former legislator Prof. Atul Deshkar with senior officials was held in the office of Sub-Divisional Officer Brahmapuri. Considering all these factors, NHAI officials have ordered the contractor to demolish the

citizens have got relief as a result. NHAI officer Khapre informed the BJP delegation about this development at the construction site today. City President Arvind Nandurkar, former corporator Manoj Wathe, Manoj Bhupal, Tanay Deshkar and Pawan Jaiswal were present on the occasion. Deep drains will be constructed on both sides of the road stretch as per the new construction initiative and the channel of Barai Lake will be kept the same as before. Along with this, a concrete wall will be constructed on the side of Barai Lake coming into the drain from Shesh Nagar. Due to this, the water of Shesh Nagar and the water of Barai Lake will be discharged through the main drain. This will provide relief to citizens. Citizens are expressing hope that a solution has been found due to the initiative of former legislator Prof. Atul Deshkar. For this initiative, citizens have thanked former legislator Prof. Deshkar.

Praveshotsav held at Veer Birsa Munda Adivasi Ashram School

Salekasa 29 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Recently, Praveshotsav programme on the occasion of the first day of school was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Veer Birsa Munda Adivasi Ashram School Salekasa. The programme was presided over by Dr. Rajendra Badole, Secretary, Magasvargiya Bahuddeshiya Sanstha, Rengepar/Kohli, while Shalini Badole, President, Magasvargiya Bahuddeshiya Sanstha, Rengepar/Kohli, Meenakshi Badhe, Homemaker, Girls' Hostel, Salekasa and HA Chaudhary (Middle School Principal) PS Lothe (Primary School Principal) were present as the chief guests. The programme was presided over by Dr. Rajendra Badole, who imparted guidance to the students about their progress and Badole Madam who imparted guidance to them on how to



achieve the all-round development of the students. Meenakshi Badhe informed them about various schemes being run by the government for benefit of tribal students. On the occasion, uniforms and stationery materials were distributed to the students, a sapling plantation programme was carried out in

the school premises and a parents' meet was held. The programme's proceedings were conducted by SK Bagde. JM Chandewar proposed the vote of thanks. All other teaching and non-teaching staff cooperated for the successful organisation of the programme.

Serum Institute of India launches nationwide HPV-Cancer public awareness campaign

Nagpur 29 June: The "Conquer HPV & Cancer Conclave 2025" was launched today in Nagpur as part of a nationwide public health initiative led by the Serum Institute of India (SII). India continues to face a significant burden of HPV-related diseases, particularly cervical cancer, which remains the second most common cancer among women in the country. According to the ICO/IARC Information Centre on HPV and Cancer (2023), India reports over 1.23 lakh new cervical cancer cases and more than 77,000 related deaths annually. Apart from this up to 90% of anal cancers & 63% of penile cancers are associated with HPV. At the Nagpur event, a panel of medical specialists engaged in an in-depth discussion about the public health implications of HPV. The panel included: * Dr. Vinod Gandhi, Director, Colours Mother & Child Care Hospital, Nagpur, Past President of Indian Academy of Pediatrics, Nagpur branch * Dr. Milind Mandlik, Director, Colours Mother & Child Care Hospital, Nagpur. Founder President - Neonatology Forum, Nagpur Chapter * Dr. Charu Baheti, Director - Surelife Hospital & Test Tube Baby Centre, Nagpur. IVF-ICSI Consultant - Obst & Gynaecology * Dr. Sangeeta Tajpuriya,



Director - Vedansha Hospital & Test Tube Baby Centre, Nagpur. VP - NOGS (2024-25), Advisory Board Member - IVF Unit, AIIMS Nagpur * Dr. Moumita Bag, Consultant Gynecological Oncologist, HIPEC Specialist, Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgeon at HCG Cancer Centre, Nagpur The session was moderated by Dr. Sanjay Marathe, Director, Colours Mother & Child Care Hospital, Nagpur and ACVIP West Zone Member (2020-22). Together, they highlighted the pressing need for awareness, the importance of reaching both adolescents and parents, and the role of healthcare providers in guiding preventive care. The speakers emphasized that HPV is not

limited to cervical cancer alone. It is also associated with cancers of the vulva, vagina, anus, penis, and oropharynx, affecting both men and women. With peak HPV infection occurring between ages 15 to 25, early awareness and timely preventive action are essential. With an affordable HPV vaccine now available, it has become still more easier to protect every individual from HPV associated cancers. "Through these conclaves held across the country, we aim to increase understanding of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and its link to cervical and other cancers," said Parag Deshmukh, Executive Director, Serum Institute of India. "By bringing together medical experts, healthcare workers, and community

members, the forum encourages open dialogue and practical steps toward early detection and prevention." The Nagpur conclave concluded with an open dialogue involving audience members, reinforcing the broader goal of the campaign: to reduce the burden of preventable cancers through informed decision-making and community engagement. The initiative will continue in cities across the country in the coming months, creating platforms for credible voices in healthcare to educate and empower the public. Serum Institute of India, headquartered in Pune, is the world's largest vaccine manufacturer by volume and has played a longstanding role in advancing public health in India and globally.

Gunjan Tayade selected for Navodaya Vidyalaya

Wadi 29 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Gunjan Tayade, daughter of Nandkishor Tayade, an employee working in Ordnance Factory Ambazari, Defence, has been selected for class VI in Navodaya Vidyalaya, Navgaon-Khairi, Parshivni. 2.50 Lakh students participated in the national level Navodaya Entrance Examination. Out of which, Gunjan achieved success by securing 86th merit with 85 percent marks. She was currently studying in class V at Carmel Academy, Wadhamna. Gunjan was felicitated by Shri Santaji Akhil Teli Samaj Sangthan Wadi Defence Branch for this accomplishment. On behalf of the organisation, she was felicitated with a bouquet and certificate by Secretary Chetan Waratkar and Bhagwan Dhawale. Gunjan attributed her success to the consistent hard work of her mother

Jayashri Tayade and father Nandkishor Tayade. Her interest in studies will definitely be a source of hope for her bright future. On the occasion, the organisation's secretary Chetan Waratkar, advisor Motiram Shahare, state president Anil Bajait, Bhagwan Dhawale, Mangesh Mahure, Omdev Lambat, Roshan Vaidya, Vasantha Katekhaye, Umesh Sahu, Deva Kshirsagar, Vijay Shidurkar, Ajay Ikhar, Vaishali Bajait and other dignitaries were prominently present. Everyone congratulated Gunjan wholeheartedly.



These meritorious children are a testament to the values instilled by police parents: Dr Pankaj Bhojar

Wardha 29 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): Hon'ble Dr Pankaj Bhojar, Minister of State for Home Affairs and Guardian Minister, lauded the commendable achievements of children from police families, attributing their success to the values and discipline imparted by their retired police officer parents. He remarked that these high-achieving children, who have attained distinguished positions through higher education and public service, owe their success to the upbringing by their retired police parents, who themselves deserve equal recognition and celebration. "I feel proud as the Minister of Home Affairs to witness such remarkable contributions to society and the nation by these young individuals," he said. The felicitation ceremony was organised by the Retired Police Officers and Staff Welfare Association, Wardha, to honour meritorious children from police families who excelled in academics (Class 10 and 12), entered Class I and II Government services, obtained higher education (MPhil, PhD), pursued careers in medicine, engineering, and achieved excellence in state, national and international-level sports. The event also honoured senior retired police personnel aged 75 and above, along with their spouses. Dr Bhojar emphasised that such recognition events are inspirational and encouraging for the community. The programme was chaired by Association President Mr Suresh Borkar, with Mr Vasant Gaikwad (Advisor), Mr Hari Ganesh Wandile (Working President), Mr Ankush Pimpere, Mr Vynkat Bunde (Secretary), Mr Ramesh Gurunule (Treasurer) and Mr Ramesh Khedkar (Vice President) also present on the dais. Dr Bhojar further acknowledged that he was pleased to learn about the widespread presence of the association across Maharashtra and its active functioning in Wardha. He assured that he would earnestly pursue solutions to the challenges faced by retired police personnel at the government level. He also promised to address the pending government proposal regarding land for the association's office. In addition, he committed to convening a meeting in Mumbai to discuss issues related to pensions and promotions for retired personnel. The ceremony commenced with the garlanding of a portrait of the Association's founding President, the late Mr T. K. Chaudhary, and the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. Hon'ble Dr Bhojar was formally welcomed with a shawl, floral bouquet, memento, and



badge by Association President Mr Suresh Borkar, Advisor Mr Vasant Gaikwad, and other dignitaries.

In a representative capacity, the following distinguished individuals were felicitated by the Hon'ble Minister:

* Mr Akshay Vasant Gaikwad - Assistant Manager, Grade A Office, SEBI

* Mr Prashit Sopanrao Kamble - Assistant Commander, ITBP

* Mr Sainath Vynkat Bunde - Section Officer, Mantralaya, Mumbai

* Mr Manish Vijay Kamble - IIT graduate (B.Tech, M.Tech), MS (Ireland), currently Operations Manager

* Dr Nitin Rajesh Chhore - Neurosurgeon, New Delhi

* Mr Anand Suresh Borkar - M.Phil. Gold Medallist

* Dr Rozina Babbu Shaikh - MBBS, MD (Microbiology)

* Dr Tarannum Babbu Shaikh - BDS, MDS

* Ms Anushka Abhijeet Deshpande - LL.M

* Mr Swapnil Dilip Vaidya - Bank Manager

The event was further graced by the arrival of Hon'ble Member of Parliament Mr Amar Kale, who expressed his delight, stating, "This doesn't feel like a police family gathering but rather my own family function." He praised the significant progress made by the children of police personnel and acknowledged the emotional impact of witnessing their success. He also conveyed his apologies for the delayed arrival and offered heartfelt wishes to the youth, encouraging them to continue serving society and the nation with their talents and capabilities. State Coordinator of the Association Mr Ravindra Kanfode was also present at the event and was felicitated with a shawl, floral bouquet and memento. Social worker Mr Manoj Tayade from Wardha was honoured by Hon'ble MP Mr Amar Kale with a floral bouquet. The event witnessed an overwhelming turnout of retired police officers, their families, and children. The venue was packed to capacity. Proceedings were conducted by Association member Mr Diwakar Shambharkar, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Mr Prakash Bhojar. The programme was successfully executed through the dedicated efforts of Mr Subhash Thavare, Mr Ramesh Khedkar, Mr Yuvraj Babhale, Mr Arun Pachare, Mr Diwakar Shambharkar, Mr Vijay Khobragade, Mr Moreshwar Telrandhe, Mr Prakash Bhojar, Mr Suresh Borkar, and Mr Vasantrao Gaikwad.

Green Acres from Katol-Nagpur honoured in New Delhi at 'Bharatpreneur 2025'

Katol 29 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): At New Delhi based The Leela Palace - The grand 'Bharatpreneur 2025' summit was recently held at the prestigious Leela Palace in New Delhi, bringing together a vibrant mix of startups, MSMEs, investors, innovators, and young entrepreneurs from across India. This high-impact event served as a platform for showcasing entrepreneurial ideas, startup visions, and facilitating live interactions between innovators and top-tier investors. Bharatpreneur is a national-level entrepreneurial platform that brings together India's budding startups, small businesses (MSMEs), visionary founders, and investment leaders under one roof. The event is designed to support India's mission of "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" (Self-Reliant India) by empowering youth with resources, visibility, guidance, and investment opportunities. From live startup pitching, networking opportunities, business mentoring sessions, to a prestigious award and recognition ceremony, Bharatpreneur is one of the most sought-after entrepreneurial gatherings in the country. Green Acres is the trusted name for second homes and farmhouse living. Among the standout participants was Green Acres, a unique startup focused on providing



individuals with serene, nature-close second homes in the form of farmhouses—a fast-growing lifestyle and investment trend in India. Founded by Nihal Kumeriya and Mayur Murodiya, Green Acres showcased its business model and vision to a diverse audience of entrepreneurs and investors. Their core belief: Farmhouses should no longer be a luxury limited to the elite—they should become a smart, affordable lifestyle and weekend investment for every Indian household. Their innovative concept aims to bridge the gap between affordable investment and peaceful, nature-rich living. Amit Mishra is the Chief Guest and YouTube Business Coach Who Felicitated Green Acres. The special guest at Bharatpreneur 2025 was

Amit Mishra, a renowned YouTube, business coach, startup mentor, and motivational speaker. With over 2 million subscribers on his YouTube channel, he is one of India's most trusted voices in the field of startup growth, business ideas, marketing, and scaling strategies. He not only addressed the audience with an inspiring speech but also felicitated Green Acres on stage with a trophy and recognition. He stated: "Startups like Green Acres represent the future of Indian real estate. Their idea is not just about selling property, it's about creating a meaningful lifestyle that connects people back to nature." Nihal Kumeriya shared his thoughts as follows: This recognition is not just an award—it's a reflection of the

trust and support our vision is earning. We want to help every Indian own a peaceful, green second home." Mayur Murodiya added by saying that participating in Bharatpreneur 2025 opened our eyes to new opportunities. Direct conversations with investors and experienced entrepreneurs gave us clarity and fresh momentum." To date, Green Acres has helped hundreds of customers acquire legal, secure and well-facilitated farmhouses, and now aims to scale its operations nationally.

Key USPs of Green Acres include:

* Affordable and reliable farmhouse ownership

* 100% legal processes and documentation

* Modern amenities in natural surroundings

* Perfect second home for personal use and smart investment

The recognition at Bharatpreneur 2025 is not just a milestone for Green Acres—it marks the growing acceptance of nature-centric, lifestyle-enhancing real estate in India. Green Acres is not just a startup; it's a movement that blends business with greenery, investment with peace, and ambition with simplicity. Green Acres, with a vision to build meaningful connections, promote eco-living, and inspire the next generation of smart homeowners.

Complete work of Govt Medical College on time: MP Praful Patel

Gondia 29 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): On Saturday, MP Praful Patel, who is on a tour of Gondia district, discussed various issues with the health department and concerned department's officials and issued instructions to complete the construction of the Government Medical College building on time. Last week, Patel had discussed in detail with the state's Medical Education Minister Hasan Mushrif and the Secretary and Commissioner of the Health Department about the progress of the building. In Kudwa, a new building with state-of-the-art facilities with



a fund of Rs 690 crore will provide a 650-bed patient medical care facility and 150 students will receive medical education in this college. MP Praful Patel is striving to ensure that the citizens of the

area get the benefit of state of the art healthcare and MP Praful Patel expressed hope that the construction of the Govt Medical College building will be completed on time and in a timely manner.

Vaastuvision's Furniture and interior exhibition draws crowds in Nagpur

Nagpur 29 June: Central India's prominent exhibition organiser, Vaastuvision, is hosting a Furniture and Interior Exhibition at Orange Green Celebration, located at Old Katol Naka Chowk, Sadar. The event is open daily from 11 AM to 9 PM and will conclude in the next two days. The exhibition is witnessing a positive response from residents of Nagpur and nearby areas. It features a wide range of products including antique, wooden, Italian, brass, and iron furniture, along with space-saving pieces, marble handicrafts, home appliances, murals, decorative furnishings, and paintings.

BUSINESS

Generali announces Central Bank of India as its new joint venture partner in India



New Delhi 29 June: Generali today announces Central Bank of India (CBI) as its new joint venture (JV) partner in the country. CBI is one of the oldest public sector Indian banks, established in 1911, with a market capitalisation of Rs 461 billion (€5.1 billion) and a distribution network of over 4,500 branches serving more than 80 million customers. The partnership with CBI will enhance Generali's market presence, strengthening its brand positioning and distribution capabilities in both Life and P&C. Jaime Anchustegui, Deputy CEO Insurance, Generali Group, commented: "We are pleased to announce this new chapter for our business in India together with Central Bank of India, who are a very strong and highly regarded local partner. We are confident this partnership will help further scale Generali's footprint in India's high potential market, fully in line with our 'Lifetime Partner 27: Driving Excellence' strategy, focusing on our core capabilities and growth in selected key geographies." Rob Leonardi, Asia Regional Officer, Generali Group, added: "This partnership is a strong vote of confidence in our business in India. Working with Central Bank of India is an opportunity to go from strength to strength in an important growth market for Generali and comes at a good time on the back of the launch of our new strategic plan. Our combined strengths have the potential to carry our Lifetime Partner proposition to new heights — from better brand recognition to enhanced distribution capabilities, all supported by our strong strategy."

Vi Business's ready for next - India's largest digital advisory celebrates growth on MSME Day

Mumbai 29 June: On this World MSME Day, Vi Business, the enterprise arm of leading telecom operator Vi, releases the third edition of its flagship 'Ready for Next MSME Growth Insights Study 2025'. As India's digital economy accelerates backed by Digital India, Bharat Net and mobile broadband use, smaller businesses are exploring digital tools to enhance operational efficiency and expand their market reach. 'Ready for Next MSME Growth Insights Study 2025' reflects this positive shift, revealing a rise in the country's Digital Maturity Index (DMI), however the digital adoption remains fragmented. With a strong intent, right financial support and access to right advisory support, India's small businesses are well positioned to accelerate their digital journey. Commenting on the release of the study, Arvind Nevatia, Chief Enterprise Business Officer, Vodafone Idea Ltd said, "MSMEs in India are clearly moving from digital curiosity to digital commitment — and that's an encouraging shift. The sharp rise in investment intent around cloud, cybersecurity, and automation shows that small businesses increasingly see technology as a growth enabler, not just a utility. Through Ready for next program, our aim is to celebrate incredible growth journeys of India's MSMEs - from small towns to global markets, from manual processes to being digital-first enterprises."

Final Call for Samsung Solve for Tomorrow: Your Idea Could Be the Next Big Solution



New Delhi 29 June: From New Delhi to Kolhapur, thousands of students have stepped up—now it's your turn to solve real world problems with bold ideas—and maybe win Rs 1 crore. Apply by June 30. Across cities and classrooms, from the heart of New Delhi to the bylanes of Kolhapur, thousands of students have stepped forward with one bold belief — "I can solve for tomorrow." Now, as the last leg of Samsung Solve for Tomorrow roadshows draws to a close, the countdown begins for India's young changemakers to turn their ideas into action. June 30 is the final day to apply for Samsung Solve for Tomorrow — a national innovation competition for 14-22-year-olds that has already ignited a movement across the country. Launched on April 29, 2025, the programme empowers students across India with design thinking tools, mentorship from Samsung and IIT Delhi experts, investor connects, prototyping support, and a chance to win INR 1 crore. But more than the prize, what truly defines this programme is purpose. Over the past weeks, open houses and roadshows have brought together students with extraordinary vision. In Delhi-NCR, students dreamt up mental health apps and AI-driven solutions for pollution. In Gujarat and Maharashtra, ideas around sustainable packaging, heritage revival, and inclusive education found a stage. In every city, one message rang clear — young India is ready to build real-world solutions for real-world problems. Now, it's your turn. If you've ever looked at something broken in the world and thought, "Why isn't anyone fixing this?" — maybe the answer is: because you're the one meant to. Whether you want to help farmers with smarter irrigation, build a safer space for teenagers online, or make your city more accessible — your idea belongs here. Ishita, a student from Ghaziabad, shared, "This was the first time someone asked me what problem I wanted to solve. That changed everything." Akash, a student from Pune, added, "I stopped waiting for the 'right time' and started building. Solve for Tomorrow made me believe my idea mattered." Their stories are just the beginning. Yours could be next.

EDITORIAL

Jewel (Jawahar) in Parvekar Kulratna Kosha

The Parvekar family of Yavatmal district is a treasure trove of virtues and good thoughts. The priceless Kohinoor in this treasure trove is our Aadharwad, the people's leader Annasaheb Deshmukh Parvekar Malik Saheb. He has represented the Yavatmal assembly constituency.



Annasaheb Deshmukh Parvekar Saheb is a strong personality who has cultivated the legacy of the virtues of the late Abasaheb Deshmukh Parvekar and the Deshmukh Parvekar family. Today is his 77th birthday. Heartiest birthday greetings to him.

Keeping in mind the social obligation that after being born in society, we owe a debt to the society, he devoted his entire life for social development and progress.

A person of the highest standard of public adoration, a personality created by the people for the people, and public service is the permanent feature of his personality.

He sacrificed his personal life for the development and progress of society and spent his entire life for social work. Politics is not a means of gaining power, but a means of providing opportunities for social service. He has full faith in this. Annasaheb could not compromise with his principles in his life. Saheb is very far from power through money and money through power. Annasaheb Deshmukh Parvekar's mind is very sincere and simple. He trusts a person very soon. Often one feels that he has eaten the field with a fork. He has family relations with many families in Yavatmal district. While cultivating his close relations, Saheb does not make any mistakes. The work of Annasaheb Deshmukh Parvekar in the social, educational and political development of Yavatmal district is a milestone.

Heartiest birthday greetings to Lokneta Annasaheb Deshmukh Parvekar Malik Saheb. May Mother Jagdamba give him a long life.

This is my auspicious prayer at her feet.

Dr. Ashok Raut
Pandharkavda

National Statistics Day: Statistics is the Grammar of Science

India observes National Statistics Day on June 29 each year to honor the significant achievements of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, who is regarded as the "Father of Indian Statistics." This day is significant for the country since it marks the anniversary of Prof. Mahalanobis' birth and emphasizes the role statistics play in socioeconomic planning and the advancement of the country. To commemorate the groundbreaking work of (late) Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in the fields of economic planning and statistics, National Statistics Day 2025 will be celebrated for the 19th time on June 29. The day serves as a chance to emphasize how data and statistical analysis influence India's evidence-based governance and public policy.



In India, National Statistics Day was first observed in 2007 after a Gazette announcement on June 5, 2007, designated June 29, the anniversary of PC Mahalanobis' birth, as Statistics Day. To increase awareness of the value of statistics in nation-building, it was designated as a Special Day of National Importance. The importance of statistical research in developing successful government programs, tracking socioeconomic indicators, and assessing national progress led to the decision to designate a day to Statistics.

Honoring the statistical genius PC Mahalanobis, who not only established the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) in 1931 but also transformed economic planning in India, is the main reason India celebrates National Statistics Day. He played a key role in developing statistical techniques for effective data gathering and analysis, particularly in population and agricultural research.

Conversely, it seeks to raise public awareness, particularly among young people, of the value of statistics in daily life and their contribution to the advancement of the country.

Statistics are important in daily life because they assist people comprehend the different aspects that can affect their lives. Statistics are more than just numbers; they also highlight significant global trends. Statistics are frequently utilized to ascertain the opinions and sentiments of the general public regarding particular subjects. Because they enable people to make well-informed decisions, statistics are significant. Statistics are gathered by governments, organizations, and corporations to monitor development, assess performance, analyze issues, and set priorities. Through statistical analysis, statistics help the country determine the budget, understand the larger picture, and choose the best course of action. Making judgments based on data, making predictions, and making scientific discoveries all depend heavily on statistical analysis. We can gain a deeper understanding of a subject by using statistics.

Born on June 29, 1893, Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis is a well-known Indian statistician who helped create India's industrialization plan for the Second Five-Year Plan and is credited with creating the ground-breaking idea of Mahalanobis distance. In addition to becoming a fellow of the Royal Society, he was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 1968 and the Officer of the Order of the British Empire in 1942. His groundbreaking contributions to the use of statistical methods have had a long-lasting impact on national planning, economics, and statistics.

'The business of Statistician is to catalyze the scientific learning process' - George Box

Dr. Vijay Babar
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India's Tourism Paradox

India is a land of breathtaking contrasts with snow-capped mountains and sun-kissed beaches, timeless temples and frenetic bazaars, sacred rivers and lush forests. Every few kilometres reveal a new dialect, a fresh cuisine, or an unfamiliar tradition. With over 40 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and a civilisational legacy spanning millennia, India possesses a magnetic pull for global travellers. But this immense potential is undercut by a persistent and tragic truth: public spaces, especially those meant for leisure and tourism, remain fraught with danger. In a country that markets itself to the world as "Incredible India," violence, apathy, and moral policing corrode the

foundations of safety, freedom, and credibility. The recent horror at Pahalgaon underscores this crisis. The serene Kashmiri meadows, long a haven for families and couples, was transformed into a site of carnage on April 22, 2025, when armed terrorists opened fire on tourists. Such incidents don't just claim lives; they erode the fragile trust that underpins India's tourism economy. Domestic and international travellers alike are left to think: can India truly guarantee their safety? The question gained further urgency following the gang rape of a 20-year-old student at Odisha's Gopalpur beach last weekend. What should have been a day of leisure turned into a

harrowing ordeal when a group of men brutally assaulted the young woman and tied up her male companion. This was not an isolated act of violence; it was a damning indictment of structural failures in law enforcement, political accountability, and social consciousness, converting places of beauty into monuments of fear. Gopalpur is only the latest in a distressing pattern. From the 2013 gang rape of a Swiss tourist in Madhya Pradesh to the 2018 rape and murder of a Latvian woman in Kerala, from the molestation of a Lithuanian tourist in Agra to the gang rape of an Israeli traveller in Hampi this year — the list is long and growing.

ENTERTAINMENT

Pancham's timeless symphony



Mumbai 29 June: Rahul Dev Burman, fondly known as Pancham, was a legendary composer whose 28-year career began with Teesri Manzil (1966) and ended with 1942: A Love Story (1994). Son of iconic composer S D Burman, he trained in classical music under maestros like Ustad Ali Akbar Khan and Samta Prasad. Though his early work, including Chhote Nawab and Bhoot Bungla, received modest attention, Teesri Manzil catapulted him to fame with hits like O haseena and Aaja aaja.

He delivered timeless music for films such as Padosan, Kati Patang, Sholay, Amar Prem and Hare Rama Hare Krishna, often collaborating with Kishore Kumar and Asha Bhosle — his

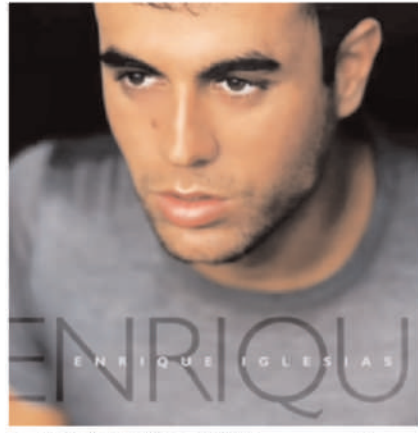
later wife. Bhosle credited him with transforming her vocal style through jazz, new rhythms and experimentation. His partnership with lyricist Gulzar produced lyrical gems in Ijaazat, Masoom and Aandhi. Known as a "music scientist," Burman drew inspiration from everyday sounds, blending Indian classical music with global influences.

Lyricist Javed Akhtar admired his instant compositions, such as Ek ladki kodekha and Chehra hai ya chand. Despite a dip in the 1980s, Burman's posthumous success with 1942: A Love Story reaffirmed his legacy. He died in 1994, aged 54, leaving behind music that only grew more revered over time.

'Bailamos' singer Enrique Iglesias adds second Mumbai concert due to high demand

Mumbai 29 June: Popular Spanish singer Enrique Iglesias, who is returning to perform in India after 13 years, has added second show in Mumbai following the high demand. Iglesias will now have another show on October 29, prior to his previously announced concert, which will take place on October 30. Both the performances will be held at MMRDA Grounds in Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex.

The event is produced and promoted by EVA Live in partnership with BEW Live, according to a press release. The "Bailamos" singer said he missed



performing in the country. "I've missed performing in India, the fans there are some of the most loyal and passionate in the world. Since my first show back in 2004,

the love has always been unreal. I can't wait to get back to Mumbai and bring them this new show," he said in a statement. The 50-year-old singer previously visited India in 2012 for a tour, where he covered three cities — Delhi, Pune and Bangalore. Deepak Chaudhary, founder and managing director, EVA Live, said the response to Mumbai show has been "phenomenal and truly historic".

"The response to Enrique Iglesias's first Mumbai show has been nothing short of phenomenal and truly historic.

The sheer speed at which tickets were snapped up is a testament to his immense and unwavering appeal in India, confirming the unparalleled excitement for his return.

"We are incredibly excited to be able to accommodate more of his devoted fans by adding a second date, ensuring that even more individuals have the opportunity to experience what promises to be an unforgettable, world-class musical spectacle," he added.

Varun Dhawan criticises insensitive coverage of Shefali Jariwala's death

Mumbai 29 June: Bollywood actor Varun Dhawan slammed the insensitive media coverage following the death of Shefali Jariwala. Dhawan penned a note on his Instagram handle on Sunday, questioning the need for covering "someone's grief". The 38-year-old actor didn't specify any name in the post.

"Again one more passing of a soul being insensitively covered by the media. I just don't understand why do you have to cover someone's grief everyone looks so uncomfortable with this how is this benefiting anyone... My request to my friends in the media this isn't the way someone would want their final journey covered," he wrote. His post comes a day



after Jariwala's death news. Jariwala was rushed to the hospital by her husband, Parag Tyagi, on Friday night, but was declared dead on arrival. She was 42. Following, many clips surfaced on social media, which resulted in paparazzi getting criticised for mobbing Jariwala's closed ones during the tragic time.

One clip included her mother, Sunita Jariwala, breaking down, as she arrived for her daughter's final rites.

Another video featured Tyagi holding his hands in front of the photographers as he walked towards Cooper Hospital, where Jariwala's body was taken for post-mortem.

'Sardaar Ji 3': Diljit Dosanjh banks on art, Punjabi cinema on jokes

Mumbai 29 June: Saturday evening, Cineworld Wandsworth, London. My daughter had flown in from Toronto, and the first thing she did was book us for "Sardaar Ji 3". Screen 12 wasn't filled with Sikh families, as you might expect. Instead, most seats were taken by Pakistani Punjabis. The controversy around Hania Aamir's casting had sparked a buzz across the diaspora, especially among those with roots in West Punjab.

Let's get the obvious out of the way: Diljit Dosanjh doesn't need an introduction. The man who made Coashella dance now stands at the peak of global Punjabi stardom — an artist whose every move feels instinctively fresh. In "Sardaar Ji 3", he does what he does best: making audiences watch him, his laugh, his effortless switch from comic timing to an action-hero's simmering glare. But while Diljit keeps evolving, the cinema around him remains trapped.

Punjabi films, unlike other Indian entertainment daring to experiment on OTT or the big screen, still see comedy as their last refuge. "Sardaar Ji 3" is no exception: a horror-comedy

that leans heavily on Diljit's charisma rather than cinematic craft. Flashback to 1981.

"Chann Pardesi" — Raj Babbar, Rama Vij, Om Puri, Amrith Puri, Kulbhushan Kharbanda — gave us layered storytelling, memorable performances, and a plot that could stand anywhere, in any language. Decades later, "Jodi" starring Diljit and Nimrat Khaira briefly reignited hope. It drew from Punjab's rich folk duet tradition, showing that our stories can move beyond jokes and slapstick, into love, music, and tragedy. Watching "Jodi" back then felt like Parag looking in the mirror — seeing its own complexities and contradictions. "Sardaar Ji 3", in contrast, feels like Punjab ducking that mirror altogether. Yes, the film has reportedly smashed box-office records in Pakistan. That's worth noting. But it also opened abroad only — not in India — because of the political backlash over Hania Aamir's casting. Diljit has addressed it candidly: the film was shot before tensions flared, and the producers chose an overseas-only release to avoid fanning flames.

Inside the hall in London, Hania's presence was met with cheers. Pakistani Punjabis saw a reflection of themselves on the big screen, a story that, at least superficially, crosses Radcliffe's line. But cinema isn't just measured by packed or half-packed halls. It's measured by how far it dares to go. And Punjabi cinema — even when led by an artist as adventurous as Diljit — still hesitates.



Two separate crackdowns in Akola district save 5 cattle from illegal slaughter

Police seize vehicles and meat worth over Rs 4.37 Lakh

Akola 29 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): In a major success under the "Operation Prahar" initiative launched to curb illegal activities in Akola district, police teams from Barshitakli and Murtizapur have rescued five bovines from illegal slaughter and arrested key accused in separate cases. These swift and effective actions were carried out under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Archit Chandak.

Case 1: Two Bulls Rescued in Barshitakli

On June 29, Barshitakli Police received a tip-off about two bulls tied in a brutal manner for illegal slaughter at a house in Qureshipura. Acting promptly, a police team, along with two independent witnesses, raided the location at around 5:45 am. They found two bulls tied with short ropes in a cruel condition and approximately 10 kg of beef. The animals, along with the seized meat—altogether valued at Rs 77,000—were taken into custody. The bulls were handed over to Adarsh Goseva Sansthan in Mhaipur for care and rehabilitation, while the meat was sent for forensic examination. Legal action has been initiated under Sections 5, 5A, 5B, and 9 of the Maharashtra Animal Preservation Act, 1976, along



with Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and Section 325 of the BNS. This operation was conducted under the direction of Police Inspector Pravin Dhumal, with assistance from PSI Suhas Gosavi, and constables Amol Hake, Pravin Mahaske, and Vishakha Ghayal.

Case 2: One Cow and Two Oxen Rescued in Murtizapur

Later the same morning, at around 6:30 am, a separate police team from Murtizapur City Police Station intercepted a Tata Ace vehicle

Two accused—Javed Khan Ansar Khan (28) and Mohammad Nasir Mohammad Zakir (32), both residents of Pathanpura, Old Vasti, Murtizapur—have been booked under IPC Section 325 and relevant provisions of the Maharashtra Animal Preservation Act (amended 2015) and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. This action was executed under the leadership of Police Inspector Ajit Jadhav and supervision of SDPO Anmol Mittal, with active involvement from PSI Ganesh Suryawanshi, PSI Nitin Rathod, and other officers including constables Suresh Pande, Sachin Dandale, Prabhakar Nage, Sachin Dubey, Gajanan Khedkar, Dnyaneshwar Rane, Jeevan Ambhore, Pandharinath Pole, Haridas Solanke, and Satish Chate.

Firm warning issued to illegal cattle traffickers
Superintendent of Police Archit Chandak reiterated his commitment to eradicating such illegal practices, stating that strict action will continue against those involved in the trafficking and slaughter of bovines in violation of the law. Both cases highlight the growing vigilance of Akola Police and their unwavering stance against animal cruelty and unlawful slaughter, sending a strong message across the district.

The animals, estimated to be worth Rs 60 thousand, were rescued and immediately sent to Pundlik Maharaj Gaurakshan Sanstha for treatment and shelter. The vehicle, valued at Rs 3 lakh, was also seized, bringing the total confiscated property in this case to Rs 3.6 lakh.

Free books distributed to students in Government High School

YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: Books were distributed to needy students of class IX of Zilla Parishad Government School on Godhani Road, Yavatmal. This initiative was implemented by the alumni of the school.

Notably, the alumni of the school's Higher Matriculation batch of 1974 and 75 have previously extended a helping hand to poor aspiring students under many initiatives. On the occasion, Yavatmal Panchayat Samiti Block Education Officer Popeshwar Bhoyar, former Councilor and school management committee member Sangita Kassar, alumni Arun Sarage, Anil Ambadkar, Abhay Nisal, school principal Sahebrao Pawar, school teachers Sunil Gawande, Sandeep Margaye, Prakash Sable, Ahmed Aslam, Sunil Barmade, Shalini Thakare, Sima Sidam were present. The dignitaries were welcomed by saplings. In his introduction, principal Sahebrao Pawar gave information about the help that the school's alumni are providing to the school and the students and expressed



gratitude for the help they have provided.

Alumni Arun Sarage, while expressing his thoughts, reminisced about the past memories of his student days.

He gave the message to the students to learn, grow, and make the name of your school, state, and country bright.

He expressed the feeling that the future of the students of a school where the principal and teachers, along with the work of teaching for the betterment of the students, try their best to stay in touch with alumni and accept any help they get, is definitely bright. Block Education Officer Bhoyar, while presenting his thoughts, expressed satisfaction with the help that the alumni are providing to the school and the students of the school with the awareness of

social service.

He gave valuable advice to accept this help and use it for studies, build a good career, see big dreams and work hard to realize them, and become a good administrator. On this occasion, books were distributed to needy students of class IX by dignitaries. The joy of receiving free books was clearly visible on the faces of the poor and needy students.

The program was conducted and the vote of thanks was expressed by Prakash Sable. On the occasion of this program, a tree plantation was also organized in the school premises. Dr. Vinod Dehankar, a student of the batch of 1975, planted trees. He appealed to all the students to plant trees, emphasizing the importance of tree plantation.

Prabhakar Chiddarwar passes away at 92

Pusad 29 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Prabhakar Narayan Chiddarwar, a resident of Sant Dnyaneshwar Nagar, Pusad, passed away at the age of 92. He is survived by his son Jagdish, two married daughters Vrinda and Shilpa, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, and a large extended family. His final rites were performed at Mokshadham in Pusad, where a collective tribute was paid in his memory.



Citizens irked over flooded RuBs

Nagpur 29 June: Faced with years of neglect and bureaucratic buck-passing over the maintenance of waterlogged underbridges, Union minister for road transport and highways and Nagpur MP Nitin Gadkari directed the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) to immediately take over Manish Nagar and Somalwada RuBs from MahaMetro. Both structures have drawn criticism from motorists, particularly the Manish Nagar RuB, which gets flooded even with a brief drizzle. The

intervention comes as citizens grow increasingly frustrated over near-daily waterlogging across key RuBs in the city. The NMC, which long refused to assume responsibility for the MahaMetro-constructed RuBs, has now relented under Gadkari's orders. "On the lines of Narendera Nagar RuB constructed by state PWD, the NMC will now maintain both Manish Nagar and Somalwada RuBs," confirmed chief engineer Manoj Talewar, adding that the takeover process has begun.

Murder of ASI Abdul Kalam solved within 6 hours

LCB unit 1 nabs accused swiftly

Amravati 29 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): The Amravati City Crime Branch Unit 01 successfully solved the suspected accident case involving ASI Abdul Kalam, which later turned out to be a premeditated murder. Within six hours of the incident, the police arrested the key accused involved in the heinous crime. On the evening of June 28, a report was received about a road accident involving ASI Abdul Kalam near Navsari area on Walgaon Road under the jurisdiction of Gadge Nagar Police Station. Upon receiving this information, officers and personnel from Crime Branch Unit 01 immediately rushed to the spot and found both a two-wheeler and a four-wheeler in a severely damaged state. The injured officer had already been shifted to Best Hospital and was later transferred to Irwin Hospital due to the severity of his injuries. Preliminary investigation and interactions with people gathered at the scene and hospital led to suspicions that the incident was not an accident but a case of deliberate assault. Further probing revealed that the damaged vehicle belonged to Ahasanuddeen, a resident of Arafat Colony, and that his son, Jihanuddeen, had allegedly plotted to kill ASI Abdul Kalam. Acting on confidential information, it was uncovered that Jihan, along with his associates, had not only orchestrated a staged accident but had also stabbed the officer with a knife. Given the seriousness and sensitive nature of the case, Commissioner of Police Arvind Chawariya, along with other senior officers, visited the scene and directed immediate action. Following these directives, Crime Branch Unit 01 launched an intensive

investigation. Three separate teams were formed and tasked with gathering intelligence, analyzing technical data, and reviewing CCTV footage. Based on the gathered information, the team tracked and apprehended the main accused from Mardi Road. During interrogation, they identified themselves as:

1. Jihanuddeen Ahasanuddeen, 22, resident of Arafat Colony, behind Apna Bakery, Nagpur Gate Police Station limits
2. Awaiz Khan Ayub Khan, 23, resident of Mobeenpura, Daryapur, District Amravati
3. Fazil Khan Sabir Khan, 23, resident of Arafat Colony, who is currently undergoing treatment at a private hospital in the Walgaon Road area.

The two accused in custody were handed over to Gadge Nagar Police Station for further investigation. The Crime Branch's swift action in resolving this highly sensitive and serious case was executed under the guidance of Commissioner of Police Arvind Chawariya, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Headquarters) Kalpana Baravkar, DCP Zone 1 Sagar Patil, ACP (Crime) Shivaji Bachate, and ACP Arun Patil. The operation was spearheaded by Senior Police Inspector Gorakhnath Jadhav and his team comprising PSI Manish Wakode, API Prakash Zhopate, Feroz Khan, Satish Deshmukh, Sachin Bahale, Prashant Mohod, Alimuddin Khatib, and police personnel Nazimuddin Sayed, Vikas Guddu, Ranjit Gawande, Sachin Bhoyar, Suraj Chavan, Nikhil Gedam, drivers Ashok Khangar and Kishor Khengare. From the Cyber Police Station, API Aniket Kasar, and staff Nikhil Mahure and Aniket Wankhade also contributed to the investigation.

Minister Jaykumar Gore reviews development works being implemented by Akola ZP

'Mukhyamantri Samruddha Gram Yojana' to become the face of rural development

AKOLA 29 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): In a key review meeting held at the Constitution Hall in Akola, Maharashtra's Rural Development Minister Jaykumar Gore stated that the newly launched 'Mukhyamantri Samruddha Gram Yojana' will serve as a transformative initiative for rural development across the state. The scheme, set to begin on September 17, aims to reward villages that successfully implement all government schemes and fulfill development benchmarks. Minister Gore highlighted that villages with excellent roads, sanitation, well-equipped gram panchayat and talathi offices, schools, and Anganwadi centers will be recognized under this competitive program. He appealed to all Gram Panchayats in Akola district to actively participate in this initiative to accelerate their developmental goals.

Review of Ongoing Works and Key Directives

The minister chaired a comprehensive review of development works under the Zilla Parishad in the presence of prominent leaders including MP Anup Dhote, MLAs Randhir Savarkar, Vasant Khandelwal, Amol Mitkari, ZP CEO Anita Meshram, and

Additional Collector Pramod Gaikwad. During the meeting, Minister Gore evaluated the progress of a 100-day, seven-point action plan and emphasized the effective use of online platforms to resolve public grievances. He instructed officials to strengthen broadband connectivity and fully utilize the e-office system for administrative efficiency.

Record-Breaking Housing Approvals and Support for the Needy

The Minister announced that Maharashtra has sanctioned a record 30 lakh houses this year under the 'Housing for All' initiative. He stressed the need to ensure availability of sand for housing construction and urged that camps and surveys be conducted to ensure every deserving individual receives a home.

Infrastructure Boost for Panchayat Samitis

Addressing infrastructure concerns, Minister Gore assured that new Panchayat Samiti buildings will be constructed in place of dilapidated ones across Akola. In the first phase, three new



Panchayat Samiti buildings will be completed.

Efforts will also be made to improve Zilla Parishad buildings.

Focus on Women's Empowerment and Rural Economy

The Minister stressed the importance of providing robust marketing channels for products made by women self-help groups. He proposed the creation of 'Umed Malls' to provide a secure marketplace for their products and boost rural entrepreneurship.

Large-Scale Rewards for Villages

Minister Gore concluded by noting that substantial prizes will be awarded at the state, divisional, district, and taluka levels under the Samruddha Gram Yojana, encouraging all villages to actively compete and contribute to Maharashtra's rural transformation.

Rural Development Minister felicitates meritorious students

Akola 29 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): In a celebratory event held today at the Pramilitai Oak Auditorium in Akola, Rural Development Minister Jaykumar Gore felicitated meritorious students in a ceremony organized by the All India Mali Federation. The function was chaired by Shankarrao Girhe. Notable dignitaries present included Member of Parliament Anup Dhote, MLA Randhir Savarkar, former MLA Baliram Shirsakar, Santosh Shivarkar, Jayant Masne, Subhash Satav, Ganesh Kalpande, Adv. Prakash Date, Manohar Ugle, Prof. Ashok Rahate, Sanjay Tadas, Lalit Kalpande, Vanitatal Gaut, and Mahesh Gangane, among others. Addressing the gathering, Minister Gore stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis,

several developmental initiatives have gained momentum. He announced that the state government has approved the formation of a high-level committee for the development of the Sant Shriromani Savata Mali Samadhi Temple and its surrounding area, which will be completed soon. Additionally, he informed that the land acquisition process for establishing a memorial at the birthplace of Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule in Naigaon, Satara district, is in its final stage, and the work will commence shortly with a focus on quality and speed. Minister Gore extended his best wishes to all students for their future endeavors. Various dignitaries also addressed the event and shared encouraging words with the students.

Ashok Shinde, Kiran Korde appointed



YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: On Sunday, June 29, a meeting was held at Hotel Tulip Gardens to elect two representatives from the district executive for the Maharashtra Rajya Vruttapatra Vikreta Kalyankari Sanstha.

Naresh Shewale and Satish Shahare from Wardha were present as the election

officers on behalf of the Maharashtra Rajya Vruttapatra Vikreta Kalyankari Sanstha. In their presence, Ashok Shinde and Kiran Korde have been appointed by the local executive members. Election officers Naresh Shewale and Satish Shahare declared Ashok Shinde and Kiran Korde as the representatives

of the Maharashtra Rajya Vruttapatra Vikreta Kalyankari Sanstha. On this occasion, executive office bearers Raju Hanawate, Shriram Khatri, Tushar Gujjarwar, Madan Kelapure, Sachin Kadam, Praveen Agalve, Sunil Borkar, Ravindra Chavan, Santosh Shirkate and Kishor Bhedarkar were present.

Sufficient stock of fertilisers will be maintained for farmers: Minister Indranil Naik

Pusad 29 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Minister of State Indranil Naik assured farmers in Pusad taluka that there would be no shortage of fertilisers during the ongoing Kharif season. He was addressing a review meeting of agricultural input suppliers held at the Vasantrao Naik Smriti Pratisthan Hall, jointly organized by the Taluka Agriculture Officer and the Panchayat Samiti Agriculture Department. Sub-Divisional Officer Ashish Bijwal, Taluka Agriculture Officer Vijay Mukade, President of the Agricultural Input Suppliers Association Sudhir Palskar, and Ranveer Tale were present as chief guests. During the meeting, SDO

Ashish Bijwal provided detailed guidance on allied agricultural activities, water conservation strategies, and water usage practices. Taluka Agriculture Officer Vijay Mukade, in his introductory remarks, stated that the Kharif sowing target for the taluka is 75,500 hectares, out of which approximately 45,000 hectares have already been sown, and the remaining areas are under progress. He also confirmed that crop conditions across the region are currently favorable. Minister Naik addressed queries from agricultural input suppliers and resolved their concerns during the session. A large number of input dealers from across the taluka attended the meeting enthusiastically.



Directives regarding PMFBY 2025-26 issued

Pandharkawada 29 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):

Government directives have been issued concerning Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana for Kharif Season 2025. As per the government directive issued on June 24 the company Agriculture Insurance Company of India (Bharatiya Krishi Bima Company) has been approved from the point of view of implementing the improved PMFBY in the state for Yavatmal district as per the government decision dated June 24 2025. Under this scheme, the insurance premium to be paid by farmers is 2% for the Kharif season, 1.5% for the Rabi season, 5% for cash crops

Kharif season 2025:
* Insurance amount covered for jowar crop 33000 farmer share (hectare): 82.50
* Insurance amount covered for moong crop 28000 farmer share (hectare): 70.00
* Insurance Covered Amount for Urid Crop 25000 Farmer Share (hectare) 62.50
* Insurance Covered Amount for Tur Crop 47000-Farmer Share (hectare) 470
* Insurance Covered

Amount for Soybean Crop 58000 Farmer Share (hectare) 1160
* Insurance Covered Amount for Cotton Crop 60000 Farmer Share (hectare) 750-

It will be implemented as per 80:110 cup and cap model. The government has decided to implement the concerned scheme in the state based on production based revised Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana for Kharif season 2025 and Rabi season 2025-26 for one year by including the insurance area component for notified crops in the notified area. As per this directive, the liability for compensation will be on the concerned insurance company. It is voluntary for borrower and non-borrower farmers and not mandatory. If there is a lease agreement, it must be registered. The risk levels are 70 percent for all crops. Farmer Identification No. (Farmer ID) is mandatory for availing benefit. E-crop



Inspection is mandatory for ensuring eligibility to avail benefit of compensation related schemes. As per this scheme, compensation will be paid only on the basis of crop harvesting experiment / technical production, assuming the reduction compared to the threshold production. Compensation will be determined on the basis of the average production in the insurance notified area at the end of the season. If bogus insurance or insurance is paid by altering the revenue documents, a case will be registered and the person concerned will be blacklisted for 5 years. The last date for applying for insurance is 31 July 2025. Information in this concern has been given by Taluka Agriculture Officer Gangadhar Balwantkar.

Ayurveda College students succeed



मानसी काळे



निखिल मेटांगळे



गायत्री चव्हाण



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YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: First year BAMS students of Sumitrabai Thakare Ayurveda College here have achieved success in the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences examination. The examination for students admitted in the academic year 2023-24 was conducted in April 2025. Out of the 60 students admitted, 35 students (97 percent) passed in the first division. In this, Manasi Kale came first from the college. Nishil Metangale came second, Gayatri Chavan and Vaishnavi Kadam came third from the college. They received guidance and encouragement from the college's principal Dr. Kiran Khandare, head of the anatomy department Dr. Pooja Gawade, head of the Samhita Siddhant department Dr. Minal Raote and Dr. Vishnu Jumnake of the Kriya Sharshi department. The president of the institute Manikrao Thakare, director Rahul Thakare, and manager Ashok Thakare praised these students.

Celebrate festivals while maintaining peace and harmony



NER / NAGPUR POST: Thanedar Anil Behrani appealed to citizens, board office bearers and social activists to celebrate festivals while maintaining peace, order and communal harmony. A meeting of the Peace Committee was held in the premises of Ner Police Station in the backdrop of the upcoming Muharram festival, Thanedar Behrani was speaking at this time. Thanedar Anil Behrani further said that festivals increase social unity, therefore it is the responsibility of every citizen to avoid any kind of dispute or misunderstanding and maintain peace. He drew attention to the increasing incidents of theft and appealed to install CCTV in every house or at least in the street. He also said that lakhs of rupees are spent on a house, but it is equally important to invest a little in security. Along with this, a clear order was given to ban DJs in the backdrop of the upcoming Ganeshotsav and Durga festivals. He also warned that legal action will be taken against any group that books a DJ. Various problems in the city and suggested solutions were also discussed at this time. Shiv Sena Women's District President Vaishali Masal, Zafar N. Khan, Sheikh Nazir Rahi, Punjab Shirbhate, Journalists' Association President Praveen Patmase, Vandana Misle, Basit Khan, Bapurao Rangari, Satyavijay Gulhane, Ashish Khode, Rajendra Deulkar, Prashant Masal, Arun Khadse, Assistant Police Inspector Damodar Waghmare, Deepak Badarke, Nandkishore Ingle along with police personnel and citizens were present in large numbers.

MGIRI emerging as a national hub for self employment: MP Amar Kale



Wardha 29 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): On the occasion of MSME Day 2025, Hon'ble Member of Parliament Mr. Amar Kale lauded the Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Rural Industrialization (MGIRI), Wardha, for its pivotal role in transforming rural economies through indigenous and sustainable technologies. He emphasized that MGIRI is rapidly becoming a national center of excellence for self-employment and rural entrepreneurship. Addressing the gathering at MGIRI, Mr. Kale stated, "The technologies developed by MGIRI hold the potential to significantly reduce farmer distress and curb the migration of rural youth to urban areas by generating viable employment within villages. Prosperous villages are essential to building a developed India, and MGIRI's rural industrialization model must be disseminated nationwide." He cited the institute as a living embodiment of Gramgeeta, the visionary work of Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj, and commended MGIRI for actualizing the dream of comprehensive village development. "The MP pledged full support for elevating MGIRI to global standards and expressed his intent to facilitate a visit by Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi to the institute in recognition of its unique contributions." As part of the

MSME Day celebration, successful entrepreneurs from various states who have received training at MGIRI in sectors such as Khadi textiles, Panchgavya-based wellness products, herbal and food processing, essential oils, natural chemicals, metal crafts, terracotta, ceramics, LED lighting, solar energy, and mobile repairing were felicitated. These entrepreneurs have established thriving ventures, with annual turnovers ranging from ₹10 lakh to ₹4 crore, showcasing the scalability and impact of MGIRI's entrepreneurial development and employment generation efforts undertaken by MGIRI under Dr. Murkute's

leadership and congratulated the entire MGIRI team. On this occasion, Director Dr. Ashutosh Murkute briefed the MP about the institute's achievements, ongoing activities, and future plans. He also showcased the innovative product and technology development research happening across various departments. Dr. Murkute assured continued technical support to the successful MGIRI-trained entrepreneurs from across the country. The MSME Day program was coordinated by Dr. Venkata Rao, Deputy Director of the Department of Rural Crafts and Engineering, and conducted by Senior Scientific Officer Dr. Jaykishore Changanani. The event was made successful through the dedicated efforts of Dr. Rao, Vinod Vankar, Manoj Sharma, Sarita Khadse, Tukaram Shegokar, and others.

Traffic cops take action on 3654 riders flouting norms



Nagpur 29 June: Traffic cops took action against a total of 3654 riders under various sections of the Motor Vehicles Act and collected a total fine of Rs 2.99 lakh from the erring riders. Under the Bombay Liquor Prohibition Act, 7 suspects have been arrested in 7 cases and material worth Rs 1.05 lakh was seized from their possession. The Traffic Department has called upon the citizens to keep all the documents related to the vehicle with them while driving. Citizens and commuters have also been advised to abide by traffic rules, failing which fines and other penal action can be imposed upon them.

Bharat Petroleum pump lease should not be extended: Bhutada

UMARKHED / NAGPUR POST: A controversy has arisen regarding the lease period of the current Bharat Petroleum petrol pump at Gandhi Chowk in the city. Bharatiya Janata Party District Coordinator Nitin Bhutada has made a clear demand to the sub-divisional officer not to extend the lease period of this pump. The statement said that the petrol pump in question is a very crowded and important square for traffic in the city and heavy traffic there creates obstacles. This often creates traffic jams in the city. All two-wheelers, four-wheelers and goods vehicles coming from the east have to pass through Shivaji Maharaj Chowk. Since two major roads converge on that road, there is constant traffic jam. Therefore, the Bharat Petroleum pump located in the central part of the city is creating an obstacle. Therefore, it



would not be appropriate to extend the lease period of this pump, the statement also said. This pump is becoming a problem for the equestrian statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj which is currently being built and the beautification work being done around it. In this context, Nitin Bhutada has requested the administration to immediately cancel the lease of this petrol pump without extending it, in view of the city's transport system and for the safety of the citizens.

push toward reforestation and sustainability. The location was finalized through a global public voting process, where shortlisted cities — including Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Goa, Bangkok, and Ahmedabad — were presented to the Save Earth Mission global community. With the highest number of votes, Ahmedabad was selected as the host city, positioning India as the epicenter of this next chapter in climate action. "This is a proud moment not only for India but for the entire world. The people have spoken, and Ahmedabad has emerged as a symbol of global climate solidarity," said Sandeep Choudhary, President — India Chapter, Save Earth Mission. "At the Global Vision Unveiling, I will be presenting Save Earth Mission's roadmap for global tree plantations, cross-border collaborations, and how we will mobilize citizens, corporates, and governments to collectively reach the 30 billion tree milestone by 2040." The Save Earth Mission Global Vision Unveiling will feature keynote presentations, strategic partnership announcements, country-wise plantation commitments, cultural showcases, and a unified global declaration to restore Earth's ecosystems. This event marks a critical inflection point in the world's fight against climate change — a moment where action replaces promises, and collective steps are taken toward a greener, more sustainable planet.

No opposition to Shiv Smarak: Sardar

UMARKHED / NAGPUR POST: Dilip Sardar, director of Bharat Petroleum dealer Purushottam & Company, gave detailed information about the petrol pump in a press conference held at the government rest house. He paid homage to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and said that neither we nor anyone in the family has any opposition to the memorial. The first petrol pump in Umarkhed was started by the 'Burma Cell' company in 1952, later in 1976 Indian Oil and in 2005 Hindustan Petroleum pumps started. An objection was raised regarding the lease in



2010. The High Court has ruled in favor of Bharat Petroleum and the lease is currently valid. Bharat Petroleum or the Sardar family have no objection to the memorial. The memorial being built next to the pump is going on with our consent. No flammable incident has

occurred at the pump in the last 73 years. In the last five years, a lease rent of Rs. 19 lakhs was deposited in the government treasury. Even today, convenient services are being provided to the citizens, students and women of the city. Considering the increasing number of vehicles, he mentioned that two to three more pumps are needed in the city. Shivaji Maharaj is our god. Please do not consider us as opponents, Dilip Sardar made a humble request. On this occasion, Omprakash Sardar, Siddhesh Sardar were present with him.

Bonus amount collectively worth Rs 94 crore being deposited in farmers' accounts

Chandrapur 29 June: Due to the support extended by former state minister MLA Sudhir Mungantiwar, who has always been at the forefront of solving the problems of farmers, bonus amounts are being deposited in the accounts of paddy farmers in the district. Due to this, farmers in Chandrapur district have thanked MLA Mungantiwar. This move has given great relief to the registered paddy farmers who participated in the Minimum Support Price Purchase Scheme under the Kharif season 2024-25. Responding to the demand put forth by MLA Sudhir Mungantiwar in the legislative assembly, the Food and Civil Supplies Department had issued a govt directive on March 25 and now this bonus amount is being deposited in accounts of farmers. In the first phase, Rs 69 crore has been deposited with the Marketing Officer Department of Chandrapur district and Rs 25 crore with the Tribal Development Corporation. In the first phase, a total of Rs 94 crore of paddy bonus has started being deposited in the direct money accounts of farmers. All the remaining farmers will get the bonus amounts soon. This decision has provided financial relief to the rice producing farmers in the state. Notably, MLA Mungantiwar had demanded that this incentive amount should be given to the farmers having land upto of two hectares, whether the registered farmers sell rice or not. The state government had also accepted this and announced such a decision. This decision has created an atmosphere of joy among the paddy producing farmers across the state. The farmers have expressed gratitude to MLA Sudhir Mungantiwar for this initiative.

Gondwana University confers PhD degree upon Prof Gopal Warutkar

Warora 29 June: Prof Gopal Narayan Warutkar, a junior college teacher at Anand Niketan College of Science, Arts and Commerce, Warora, has been conferred with Doctorate in Philosophy degree in Science and Technology from Gondwana University, Gadchiroli for his remarkable research work. His research topic was "Synthesis and Characterisation of Vanadate Based Phosphors for Optical Applications" in which he studied how vanadate-based novel light emitters (phosphors) can be developed and used in solid state lighting, laser technology and other photonic systems. While pursuing research on this topic, Dr. Warutkar published 7 important research papers under prestigious international publishing houses like Elsevier, Springer, American Institute of Physics, and Taylor & Francis. He has given the credit for this success to the management of the esteemed Mahatma Seva Samiti, the Principal of the college and the Institute of Higher Learning Research and Specialised Studies for providing all facilities and continuous support for the research work. He expressed gratitude to his mentor Dr. Nilesh Ugemuge for his relentless support, impeccable guidance and continuous motivation. He also thanked another of his mentors Dr. SV Moharil; colleagues, friends and family members.



After creating history with Guinness World Record, Save Earth Mission announces grand global vision unveiling in Ahmedabad

Nagpur 29 June: Following its historic feat of planting over 500,000 trees in just 1 hour under the banner of "Ek Ped Ma Ka Naam," Save Earth Mission has captured the world's attention and inspired a global climate awakening. The Guinness World Record-breaking campaign, which saw massive participation across India, was celebrated internationally and featured on prestigious media platforms including Forbes, Fox, Business Insider, and leading national and international TV networks. Now, Save Earth Mission is going global. The organization has officially announced its biggest international event yet — the Save Earth Mission Global Vision Unveiling — a monumental gathering that will mark the launch of Save Earth Mission's global strategy to plant 30 billion trees by 2040 and guide the world toward net zero carbon emissions. The event will take place on July 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM IST, at the iconic GIFT City Club in Ahmedabad, India. This global announcement marks a major leap in Save Earth Mission's journey — a platform where the organization will unveil its expanded roadmap and rally international chapters toward a unified climate goal. With leaders, representatives, and volunteers from across the Save Earth Mission global network expected to attend, the event will set the stage for country-wise plantation drives, new global collaborations, and an accelerated

push toward reforestation and sustainability. The location was finalized through a global public voting process, where shortlisted cities — including Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Goa, Bangkok, and Ahmedabad — were presented to the Save Earth Mission global community. With the highest number of votes, Ahmedabad was selected as the host city, positioning India as the epicenter of this next chapter in climate action. "This is a proud moment not only for India but for the entire world. The people have spoken, and Ahmedabad has emerged as a symbol of global climate solidarity," said Sandeep Choudhary, President — India Chapter, Save Earth Mission. "At the Global Vision Unveiling, I will be presenting Save Earth Mission's roadmap for global tree plantations, cross-border collaborations, and how we will mobilize citizens, corporates, and governments to collectively reach the 30 billion tree milestone by 2040." The Save Earth Mission Global Vision Unveiling will feature keynote presentations, strategic partnership announcements, country-wise plantation commitments, cultural showcases, and a unified global declaration to restore Earth's ecosystems. This event marks a critical inflection point in the world's fight against climate change — a moment where action replaces promises, and collective steps are taken toward a greener, more sustainable planet.

Honoured with Shastri Jeevan Gaurav Award, Mohan Agrawal is a sage-like personality for the district: Satish Ambhore

Deoli 29 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Mohan Agarwal, who has a multi-faceted personality in the field of social, cultural, educational, literary, religious, industrial, sports in the district, is a sage-like personality who adds glory to the district, said Public Works Department Executive Engineer Satish Ambhore. He was speaking while presenting Shastri Jeevan Gaurav Award to senior social worker Mohanbabu Agarwal of Deoli in the felicitation ceremony organized by All India Shastri Social Forum in Shyamsundar Mannalal Agarwal Hall of Deoli. National Vice President of Shastri Social Forum Imran Rahi, National Vice President Dr. Anil Daksh, National General Secretary of the Forum Abubakar Khan, Laxminarayan Chaddha, Secretary Kharan Fulzele, Indrajit Lonare, NCC were present in the program. Officer Captain Mohan Gujarkar, former District President of Lions Club Vijay Satyam, Chief Officer of Acharya Vinoba Bhave Rural Hospital Sanjay Ingle Tigaonkar, Dr. Datta Kumbhare, Ulhas Wagh, Mangesh Bhongade, Rohar leader Santosh Turak, Shashank Chatare were mainly present on the stage. Mohan Agarwal said that receiving the



Shastri Jeevan Gaurav Award given in the name of former Prime Minister of India Late Lal Bahadur Shastri is a very happy moment of my life. He was honored by the guests by giving shawl, bouquet and honor letter. The program was introduced by Imran Rahi, conducted by Dr. Rajshree Deshmukh and thanks were expressed by Dr. Ganesh Malhure. Many dignitaries including Mahesh Agarwal, Madhusudan Agarwal, Anil Nareddy, Sandeep Chichate, Vijay Nakhle, Deepak Agarwal, Nanabhau Pahad, Amol Mankar, Goldie Bagga, Ashish Agarwal, Nanabhau Pahad, Raju Banmare, Abdul Sattar, Ganesh Shende were present in the program.

Vijay Wadettiwar & Kishor Jorgewar no longer in the fray 12 Directors including Parliamentarian elected unopposed

Chandrapur 29 June: A major political twist has been witnessed in the prestigious CDCCB polls after a span of 13 years. On June 27, on the last day of withdrawal of nomination papers for the elections to the board of directors of the District Central Bank, Congress leader Vijay Wadettiwar and BJP MLA Kishor Jorgewar withdrew their candidature. MP Pratibha Dhanorkar was elected unopposed therefore. Elections are being held for posts of 21 directors. For the first time in the history of the bank, 12 directors have been elected unopposed. After the court directive, the nomination papers of candidates in 'A' group from two talukas were cancelled. Therefore, now elections are held for only 7 seats. Only a formality of conducting the election remains to be fulfilled now. With the



withdrawal of MLA Vijay Wadettiwar, there is a possibility of transformation of the political scenario in the district. Wadettiwar clarified that this withdrawal was carried out at the request of activists. A total of 36 candidates from 7 groups are now in the fray for the elections to be held on July 10. For the first time in the history of the bank, 12 directors have been elected unopposed for the post of 21 directors. This election will be a prestigious contest for political parties and all the leaders are paying attention to this contest rather closely. In this election, the current chairman of the bank Santosh Rawat (Mul), current director Shekhar Dhote (Korapana), Ravindra Shinde (Bhadrawati), Sandeep Gaddamwar (Saoli), Sanjay Dongre (Chimbur), Damodar Misar (Brahmapuri), Vilas Nagarkar (Pombhurna), Ganesh Ravrekar (Nagbhid), Nageshwar

Thengane (Rajura) and Avesh Khan Pandan from Group B-1 as well as MP Pratibha Dhanorkar and Nandha Allurwar from the women's group were elected unopposed. The nomination papers of Amar Godpalwar and current director Ulhas Karpe from Group A of Gondalipal taluka were cancelled. Therefore, there is no candidate left from this taluka now. As a result, fresh elections will have to be held in this taluka. Chandrapur District Central Cooperative Bank has been around for almost a hundred years or so. People's representatives have been appointed in the capacity of directors in this bank under exceptional circumstances. However, for the first time in the history of the bank, MP Pratibha Dhanorkar and Nandha Allurwar from the capacity of a director.

Change Of Name
MY OLD NAME WAS RAJNI DEVI KHATTAR / RAJNI. NOW MY NEW NAME IS RAJNI NANAKCHAND KHATTAR.
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Nagpur gets three new DCPs in statewide reshuffle of police ranks

Nagpur 29 June: Three new Deputy Commissioners of Police (DCPs) have been posted in Nagpur City as Maharashtra Government carried out yet another reshuffle in the ranks of State police. Nityanand Jha, previously Additional Superintendent of Police in Gondia, has been appointed as a DCP in Nagpur. Joining him is Singa Reddy Rushikesh Reddy, who served as DCP in the State Anti-Terrorist Squad at Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, now taking up a key role in the city. Additionally, Vijay Kawade, formerly DCP Headquarters, was reassigned to Nagpur city, bolstering the police administration. Meanwhile, DCP Shweta Khedkar, who was heading the Special Branch in Nagpur, was transferred to Pimpri Chin Chowd. In another notable move, SP Digambar Pradhan from the State Anti-Corruption Bureau, Nagpur Division, was shifted to the Protection of Civil Rights unit. All together 52 officers were interchanged by the Home Department, Maharashtra Government. At present there is one existing vacancy in Nagpur Police Commissionerate after the transfer of DCP Archit Chandak who was heading Traffic Branch. Sagar Kawde who is at present working as Additional Superintendent of Police, Wardha, is named as next head of ACB, Nagpur Division. Laxmikant Patil, Principal, Police Training School (PTS), Nagpur, is moved to PCR, Nanded, as Superintendent of Police. Sadashiv Waghmare, SP, PCR, Nagpur Division, goes to Wardha as Additional Superintendent of Police. Manoj Patil at present DCP, Government Railway Police (GRP), Mumbai, is going to head PTS, Nagpur Unit. Across Vidarbha Region also several changes were effected by Home Department, and most of them are



periodic transfers on account of completion of tenure. Dhanesh More Patil, Deputy Commissioner of Police, SID, Mumbai, comes in Addl. SP, Bhandara District, while Pradip Jadhav, Commandant, Addl. SP, Maharashtra Police Academy (MPA), Nashik, is moved to SP, CID, Amravati, Gokul Raj G who is working as Group XII, New Mumbai, will be the new Additional Superintendent of Police, at Gadchiroli. Other officers who were transferred are Reena Janbhandhu from Addl. SP, Chandrapur, to DCP, SID, Nagpur Unit, and independent charge, while Ashok Thorat, who was in waiting is entrusted charge of Commandant, India Reserve Battalion, SRPF, Group IV, Chandrapur; Pawan Bansod, SP, CID, Amravati, goes to Thane as DCP; Shyam Ghuge, DCP, Anti Narcotics Cell, Mumbai, is posted as DCP in Amravati Police Commissionerate. Kalpana Bawarkar, DCP, Amravati City, is posted to Sangli district as Addl. SP; Ratnakar Navale, Addl. SP, Training Centre, Force One, comes as SP, PCR, Amravati; Abhay Dongre, Addl. SP, Akola, is moved to Addl. SP, Gondia. Sagar Patil, DCP, Zone-I, Amravati City, is transferred to Economic Offence Wing, Mumbai Police; Bhagyashree Navtake, Commandant, IRB-Group IV, goes to IRB-2, at Chandrapur in same capacity, Nileshe More, DCP, SID, Mumbai, comes to Bhandara District as Addl. SP and Baburao Mahamuni, Addl. SP, Buldhana, goes to Ratnagiri District in same capacity.

Chants of Jai Jagannath resonate as Rath Yatra taken out in city

Nagpur 29 June: The city came alive with colour, devotion, and tradition on Friday as the grand Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath was celebrated with immense religious fervour. The iconic chariot procession began from the Jagannath Temple in Radhanand Nagar, Manewada-Besa Road in Nagpur, drawing thousands of devotees onto the streets. The day of celebration started with the auspicious Mangal Aarti at daybreak, followed by sacred rituals such as Snan Avakash and Gopal Vallabh Bhog. Soon after, the much-awaited Pahandi Vijay ceremony unfolded, as idols of Lord Jagannath, his elder brother Balabhadra, and sister Subhadra were brought out amidst devotional chants and music.

Adding to the spiritual grandeur, the traditional Chera Parvata ritual, symbolising humility and service, was performed by Bhupendra Agrawal. As the ornately adorned chariot began its journey, devotees vied to pull



the sacred ropes, believing it to be a blessing. The atmosphere turned electric as the city echoed with chants of "Jai Jagannath, Jai Jai Jagannath," resonating from every corner. Residents lined the route to seek blessings and catch a glimpse of the divine siblings aboard the grand chariot. Organised by the Odia Samaj under the leadership of President Bhabani Prasad Mishra and Secretary Ganesh Chandra Das, the Rath Yatra concluded at the Mausi Maa Temple, ending the day of yet another spiritually enriching chapter of the Jagannath Rath Yatra tradition in Nagpur.

State U-19 Badminton: Nagpur's Ridheema, Rutva, Krisha, Nishika in finals

Nagpur 29 June: Four Nagpur shuttlers made it to four finals on the penultimate day of the Diffusion Engineers Limited Yonex-Sunrise 1st Under-19 Maharashtra State Selection Badminton Tournament under way at Arundhati Arun Badminton Academy in Besa. Stamping their authority, Nagpur's Ridheema Sarpate (girls singles), Rutva Sajwan (boys singles), Krisha Soni and Aditya Tripathi (Pune) (mixed doubles) and Krisha Soni and Nishika Gokhe (both Nagpur) (girls doubles) made it to the summit clashes of different events. All the finals will be played on Saturday. In the Under-19 girls singles semi-final, Ridheema had an easy outing as her opponent Safa Shaikh from Pune retired in the second game. Ridheema won the first game 21-9 and was leading 3-1 when her opponent decided to quit. Ridheema will meet Pune's Yutika Chavan who beat Prakriti Sharma 22-20, 21-13, in the final. In the boys section, Sajwan ousted city-mate Pranay Gadwar 21-8, 21-18 to book a date with Palghar's Dev Ruparelia. He beat top seed Pune's Aditya Tripathi 21-17, 21-18 in the other semis. In mixed doubles semis, Krisha Soni and her partner Aditya Tripathi defeated second seed Yashraj Kadam and Ananya Agrawal 21-14, 21-17. They will lock horns with the pair of Sarvesh Yadav (Thane) and Shrawani Walekar (Nashik) who defeated Sanidhya Ekade and Aditi Gawade (Thane) 21-13, 21-14. In girls' doubles last four battle, Nagpur's Krisha Soni and Nishika Gokhe defeated Shrawni Patil (Nashik) and Yashasvee Kale (Pune) 21-8, 21-18 to make it to the final. In the battle for title, they will meet the pair of fifth seed Shrawani Walekar (Nashik) and Taarini Suri who beat Aditi Gawade (Thane) and Yutika Chavan (Pune) 21-12, 21-15. Results (All QFs): BS: Aditya Tripathi (1) (PN), bt Ojas Joshi (PN) 21-4, 21-6; Dev Ruparelia (PAL) bt Arjun Reddy Aluguvelli, (BAMU) 21-17, 21-10; Rutva



Sajwan (NGP) bt Aryan Talwar (BAMU) 21-18, 21-14; Pranay Gadwar (NGP) bt Tanay Mehendale (PAL) 21-19, 11-3 Ret. GS: Prakriti Sharma (BOR) bt Krisha Soni (1) (NGP), 17-21, 21-9, 21-15; Yutika Chavan (PN) bt Ketaki Thite (BAMU) 15-21, 21-16, 23-21; Ridheema Sarpate (NGP) bt Isha Patil (TH) 21-13, 21-16; Safa Shaikh (PN) bt Shrawni Patil (NSK) 19-21, 21-16, 21-16. BD: Arjun Birajdar and Aryan Birajdar (TH) bt Malhar Ghadi and Nidhish More (PAL); 14-21, 21-19, 21-16. Arjun Reddy Aluguvelli (BAMU) and Yash Dhembare (TH) bt Jeeva Pillai and Priyanshu Dubey (NGP) 21-13, 19-21, 21-9; Om Gavandi and Sanidhya Ekade (TH) bt Om Nirhale and Shantanu Tarde (3), (WASH) 21-10, 21-18; Advant Kadam and Ojas Joshi (PN) bt Aditya Poojary and Prasanna Manna (2) (SNG) 28-26, 21-12. GD: Shrawani Walekar (NSK) and Taarini Suri (GM) bt Juie Jadhav and Safa Shaikh (PN) 21-17 21-14; Aditi Gawade (TH) and Yutika Chavan (PN) bt Hita Agrawal and Sia Waydande (5) (NSK) 14-21, 21-17, 21-9. Shrawni Patil (NSK) and Yashasvee Kale (4) (PN) bt Pranali Wadar (SNG) and Shreya Rathod (AHM) 15-21, 21-10, 21-16; Krisha Soni and Nishika Gokhe (2) (NGP) bt Jidnyasa Chaudhari and Riddhima Sahrawat (PN) 21-18, 19-21, 21-19; Shrawani Walekar (NSK) and Taarini Suri (5) (GM) bt Aditi Gawade (TH) and Yutika Chavan (PN) 21-12, 21-15; Krisha Soni and Nishika Gokhe (NGP) bt Shrawni Patil (NSK) and Yashasvee Kale (PN) 21-8, 21-18.

Nagpur Police leads unprecedented anti-drug campaign with massive public participation by DCP Niketan Kadam

Nagpur 29 June: In a bold and visionary step against drug abuse, the Nagpur City Police launched Operation Thunder 2025 — a city-wide anti-narcotics campaign that united citizens, law enforcement, civil society, and national-level stakeholders in a week-long mission from June 20 to 26. Spearheaded by Commissioner of Police Ravinder Singal the campaign coincided with the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. With the theme "Evidence is Clear: Invest in Prevention", the initiative marked a transformative moment in Nagpur's public safety narrative. Meticulous Planning and Multi-Stakeholder Engagement The scale and impact of Operation Thunder 2025 were unprecedented. Planning began weeks in advance, involving coordination between police departments, NGOs, educational institutions, civic bodies, religious leaders, and elected representatives. Dedicated teams were formed under the leadership of senior officers to manage logistics, event execution, volunteer mobilization, and digital outreach. Over 50 major events were meticulously organized across the city. Strategic planning ensured seamless integration of awareness, enforcement, education, and rehabilitation under a single coordinated platform.

Key Highlights of Operation Thunder 2025
■ Mass Participation: More than 50,000 citizens participated in

physical events, including Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, Guardian Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule, and Minister of State Ashish Jaiswal.

■ Digital Outreach: The campaign's digital efforts reached over 15 lakh citizens, amplifying the anti-drug message across Maharashtra and beyond.

■ School & College Rallies: Anti-drug pledges, rallies, and awareness sessions were held in educational institutions, driving home the importance of prevention among youth.

■ Cultural Engagements: Nukkad Natak, sports competitions, essay writing, poster design, and reel-making contests attracted wide participation, particularly from students.

■ Real-Life Testimonies: Survivors from Mukangan Pune and Maitri Foundation Nagpur shared powerful experiences, offering a raw and emotional perspective on addiction recovery.

■ Law Enforcement Training: A special workshop on the NDPS Act provided updated legal tools and rehabilitation frameworks for police officers.

■ Offender Counseling: 123 repeat offenders underwent structured counseling; their data is now integrated with the SIMBA app for continued monitoring and rehabilitation.

Nagpur RPF rescues 61 children, contributes to Central Railway's total of 235 under Operation Nanhe Farishte

Nagpur 29 June: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Central Railway has once again proven its commitment to public service, emerging as a true guardian for vulnerable passengers and lost children across its divisions. Through dedicated efforts under Operation Nanhe Farishte and Operation Jeevan Raksha, the RPF has not only saved lives but also helped reunite hundreds of children with their families. Between April and May 2025, RPF personnel from the Nagpur division rescued 61 lost or runaway children, contributing significantly to the total of 235 children rescued across Central Railway during this two-month period. This marks a substantial rise from the 36 children rescued by Nagpur RPF in the same period last year. The initiative, Operation Nanhe Farishte, aims at identifying and assisting children who arrive at railway stations due to family conflicts, aspirations for a better life, or the allure of urban environments.

These children are approached with sensitivity by trained RPF personnel, counseled, and reunited with their families — often resulting in emotional reunions and heartfelt gratitude from parents. Overall, the comparative division-wise figures show the impact: Mumbai (53), Bhusaval (62), Nagpur (61), Pune (51), and Solapur (8) — totaling 235 children in April-May 2025, as opposed to 149 during the same period in 2024. In addition to



child rescue operations, Central Railway's RPF has played a critical role in saving lives through Operation Jeevan Raksha. Between April and May 2025, alert RPF teams saved 12 passengers (9 men and 3 women) who were at risk while boarding or deboarding moving trains. This is a notable increase from the 7 lives saved in the corresponding period last year.

These acts of bravery and empathy exemplify the RPF's core values — Suraksha (Security), Satarkta (Alertness), and Seva (Service). Whether protecting railway property or preventing tragedies, RPF personnel continue to demonstrate heroism, compassion, and unwavering dedication across every division of Central Railway.

Man in Khaki uniform caught performing stunts on e-bike, video goes viral

Nagpur 29 June: A video of a man wearing a khaki uniform performing risky stunts on an e-bike in Nagpur has gone viral on social media, sparking outrage and speculation among netizens.

The video shows the man sitting cross-legged on the seat of the moving e-bike and riding completely hands-free. The incident reportedly took place on the Wardhaman Nagar flyover. The individual, dressed in a khaki uniform and wearing a helmet, is seen violating multiple traffic rules in broad daylight. Following the video's circulation, social media users were quick to react. Many questioned whether the man was a police officer, home guard, or a municipal employee. There is still no official confirmation about the man's identity or whether any disciplinary action has been initiated. However, the incident has raised concerns about road safety and



accountability of those seen as public role models.

The stunt, which could have endangered lives, has led to widespread calls for action and stricter enforcement of traffic regulations especially when it involves individuals in positions of public responsibility.

Digital arrest threat: Cyber thugs rob retired Govt officer of Rs 26 lakh

Nagpur 29 June: In yet another alarming case of cyber fraud, an 82-year-old retired government officer from Nagpur was conned out of Rs 26 lakh by fraudsters who threatened him with a fabricated 'digital arrest'. Cyber Police have registered an offence and launched a probe. According to police, the victim had retired from a government department 24 years ago. On April 30, he received a call from an unknown number.

The caller, posing as an official from the Cyber Crime Department, falsely claimed that the victim's ATM card had been found linked to the money laundering case involving Jet



trouble, the elderly victim believed the claims. Taking advantage of his panic, the cybercriminals tricked him into sharing details of his investments and bank accounts. Following their instructions, the victim prematurely broke his fixed deposits and transferred Rs 26 lakh to various bank accounts provided by the fraudsters. Realising he had been duped, the victim approached the Cyber Police Station and lodged a complaint against unidentified persons. Police have launched an investigation and appealed to citizens, especially senior citizens, to remain vigilant and not fall prey to such tactics.



■ Drug Destruction Drive: A major milestone was the destruction of Rs 27 crore worth of seized narcotics (NDPS muddamal), underscoring the campaign's enforcement strength.

National Conference on Drug Abuse Prevention: A Landmark Gathering

Culminating the week was a National Conference on June 25-26, featuring over 30 expert panelists — including retired judges, senior bureaucrats, law enforcement officials, mental health professionals, and educators. Over 10,000 attendees, both online and offline, participated in discussions around prevention strategies, policy reform, rehabilitation models, and youth engagement.

The conference served as a platform for idea exchange and actionable solutions, further positioning Nagpur as a national

model in the war against drugs. **A Lasting Impact and the Road Ahead**

Operation Thunder 2025 wasn't just a campaign — it was a people's movement. Under the visionary leadership of C.P. Ravinder Singal and with the tireless coordination by DCP Niketan Kadam and the entire city police team, Nagpur demonstrated how community engagement, inter-agency synergy, and unwavering resolve can combat one of society's gravest threats. The success of this campaign has laid the foundation for a sustained, year-round anti-drug strategy in Nagpur. Future plans include:

- Continued partnerships with educational institutions.
- Community-led rehabilitation and counseling models.
- Institutionalisation of digital tracking and support systems.
- Recurring awareness drives and legal training programs.

Nagpur Sets National Example in Drug Abuse Prevention With Operation Thunder 2025, Nagpur has firmly established itself as a model city in drug abuse prevention. The initiative offers a replicable blueprint for cities across India seeking to tackle the drug menace through community-driven, enforcement-supported, and digitally empowered interventions. **As the city looks beyond the success of this week, the message is clear:** a united front can change lives, restore families, and build a drug-free future.

Enthusiastic response to volunteer development workshop

Nagpur 29 June: Vigyan Bharati, Vidarbha Prant, organised a one-day Karyakarta Vikas Varg (volunteer development workshop) and a special felicitation meet at NEERI Auditorium, Nagpur recently. The session commenced with the traditional lamp lighting and salutation to Bharat Mata. Ravi Bhusari, former kshetra pracharak, guided volunteers on the ideal qualities of a true karyakarta through real-life examples. Ramkrishna (vice-president, Vigyan Bharati) and Prasad (zonal organising secretary) spoke on the scope of work and key traits of dedicated volunteers. Around 170 volunteers from across Vidarbha participated in group discussions focused on improving outreach and youth participation. In the post-lunch session, various Vigyan Bharati heads reviewed past activities and outlined the upcoming year's events. National executive member Naresh Chafekar and Vidarbha secretary Prakash Itankar presented detailed action plans. Felicitation of nationally recognized students was a highlight. Senior scientists and academicians also graced the event.

Accident at NMC's 'B Park' project, safety norms violated, 3 injured



Nagpur 29 June: A major accident was narrowly averted on Saturday at the under-construction 'B Park' project of the Nagpur Municipal Corporation, located at Budhwar Bazaar on Kelibagh Road. A portion of the boundary wall, along with the beams and support columns, collapsed during ongoing excavation work, injuring three workers on site. Preliminary information suggests that the mishap occurred due to non-compliance with standard construction safety protocols. The incident took place while soil was being excavated using a poclain machine. During the process, a section of the external wall gave way, causing the soil to collapse onto the machinery. The injured have been identified as Ajit Parmanik, Chintu Kumar (poclain operator), and Manish Nageshwar (helper). All three were immediately rushed to Mayo Hospital for medical attention. Senior Engineer Sunil Kathe confirmed the incident and stated that, fortunately, there was no loss of life. Upon receiving the alert, the Fire Department promptly dispatched two fire tenders from Ganjipeeth and Cotton Market fire stations to the scene. The incident has raised serious concerns regarding the implementation of safety standards at municipal construction sites. An investigation into the matter is expected.

WCL's Preeti cycles 700-km journey from Nagpur to Pandharpur



Nagpur 29 June: Displaying grit, determination and hard work, Preeti Nimje, a Senior Manager (Finance) of WCL, completed a 700-km journey on bicycle from Nagpur to Pandharpur, recently. Preeti started her journey from Nagpur on June 15 and covered 700 kms in just six days. She ended her journey on June 20 June after visiting the Lord Vitthal Temple in Pandharpur. WCL Director (Finance) Bikram Ghosh congratulated Preeti and motivated her to do even better in future. Ghosh lauded the efforts of Preeti and hoped that she would continue to do well in future as well. Preeti said that the 700-km journey from Nagpur to Pandharpur was difficult but inspiring. There were many obstacles but Preeti overcame those challenges and completed her task. She expressed her gratitude to WCL for its support in her success.

CM Fadnavis launches 'MahaStride' with World Bank officials

Sets 35 trillion target for Maharashtra in 5 years

Nagpur 29 June: The launch was held at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Mihan in Nagpur district of Maharashtra, in the presence of top officials and representatives from the World Bank, an official statement said on Saturday. Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis (above) said that Maharashtra's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) has grown significantly. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday launched 'MahaStride', a new initiative aimed at making Maharashtra a Rs 35 trillion economy in the next five years. The launch was held at the Indian Institute of

Management (IIM) in Mihan in Nagpur district of Maharashtra, in the presence of top officials and representatives from the World Bank, an official statement said on Saturday. Speaking at the event, CM Fadnavis said that the state's newly-formed MITRA (Maharashtra Institution for Transformation) will play a key role in guiding this transformational change. CM Fadnavis called MahaStride a landmark initiative that will ensure data-driven and outcome-oriented planning across all districts. "Maharashtra Government is an institution; when its capacity and structure are



built correctly, transformational change is inevitable. With this thought, we first rolled out a 100-day administrative-reform drive, followed by a 150-day programme. Today, we have symbolically launched MahaStride—an initiative that will become a landmark effort

directing Maharashtra's development," Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said. "We don't lack funds. What we need is well-planned, data-led execution," he said. CM Fadnavis said that Maharashtra's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) has grown significantly—from Rs 15 trillion in 2013-14 to Rs 45 trillion in 2024. He said that he aims that the state reaches Rs 35 trillion more in the next five years, with equal contribution from every

district, not just the top seven. CM Fadnavis urged the District Collectors in the state to assess their economic output and actively plan for growth in their areas. Fadnavis said that MITRA would act as a think-tank and provide strategic guidance for development. "It will become a key institution in shaping Maharashtra's future," he said. Deputy Minister Eknath Shinde echoed this view, calling MITRA "the chariot that will take Maharashtra forward" and emphasised the importance of inclusive growth—ensuring development in backward districts and talukas as well, the official statement said.

CJI inaugurates new bar room at High Court

Nagpur 29 June: Chief Justice of India Bhushan Gavai inaugurated the newly constructed bar room and the office of the deputy solicitor general at the High Court Bar Association (HCBA) premises on Saturday. The event, held at bar room No. 6 on the second floor of the high court building, marked a significant step in enhancing working facilities for legal professionals. Justice Gavai interacted with members of the HCBA and appreciated the legal fraternity's contribution to the justice system. Several senior judges were present at the function, including Supreme Court Justices Dipankar Datta, Prasanna Varale, and Atul Chandurkar. Chief Justice of the Bombay high court Alok Aradhe, administrative judge of the Nagpur Bench Justice Nitin Sambre, and Justice Anil Kilor were also present. Solicitor general of India Tushar Mehta



and advocate general of Maharashtra Birendra Saraf joined the ceremony, underlining the event's significance at both state and national levels. Bar Association president Atul Pande and secretary Amol Jaitare welcomed the dignitaries and members. They stated that the new bar room provides a better-equipped and more comfortable working space for lawyers, creating an atmosphere that supports legal practice and professional exchange. The inauguration was attended by several high court judges, judicial officers, bar office bearers, and members. The addition of these new facilities is seen as a valuable development for the legal community in Nagpur.

Artist who made live portrait of President, conceptualised Preamble Park design



Nagpur 29 June: At 82, his hands and head tremble involuntarily, but renowned oil painter Pramodbabu Ramteke's spirit remains steady, much like his vision of art that now defines the iconic entrance gate of the country's first Constitution Preamble Park at Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar School of Law off Amravati Road in Nagpur. The park and a full-length statue of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar were inaugurated by CJI Bhushan Gavai on Saturday. "The finely sculpted piece has profuse iconography of the Constitution which one must attempt to absorb while looking at it," said Ramteke. A seasoned sculptor and former faculty member at JJ School of Art in Mumbai, Ramteke led the team of artists who brought the deeply symbolic and intricately designed Preamble Park—a tribute to the philosophy enshrined in India's Constitution—to life. The beautiful golden gate is inspired by India's oldest stone sculpture, Sanchi Stupa, said Gondwana University registrar Anil Hirekar, who first proposed the Park as Nagpur University (NU) deputy registrar in 2015. Ramteke and other key contributors were felicitated during the inauguration of the park on Saturday. Among them were mural experts Prajna Murti, artists Sanjay More and Ashok Sonkusare, park collaborator Sandeep Kamble, and entrance gate designer Mahesh Gadewar. NU management council member, Ajay Chavan, too gave valuable support for the project. The idea was conceived on Nov 23, 2015,

during the tenure of NU vice-chancellor SP Kane and registrar Puran Meshram. Hirekar prepared a detailed proposal and ensured its execution. Meshram said Ramteke was entrusted with supervision and finalising the aesthetics of the park. "Kamble prepared the master plan of the entire park. More designed the murals and sculpture on them, Sonkusare crafted them in Wani town. State PWD appointed Gadewar for designing the gate," he said. Ramteke initially rejected the initial designs and recommended a new team, including More and Sonkusare, to develop the park. Meshram said the design finalised by Ramteke was then approved by the park committee after a few suggestions. "This was not just about making a gate," Ramteke said, "it was about translating the values of the Constitution into form and feeling." Ramteke's dedication to art goes back to his childhood, a passion that only grew stronger with age. In 1999, Ramteke was selected to make a portrait of then President KR Narayanan. For four hours, Narayanan sat for the portrait, which still holds a place of honour at the London School of Arts. Ramteke also created a portrait of Ramkrishna Gavai, father of CJI Bhushan Gavai. The CJI himself visited an art exhibition to view the painting and appreciated it personally in 2015. "I will continue working till my last breath," Ramteke said. The Constitution Preamble Park gate stands as one of Ramteke's most profound contributions to public art.

Embrace ideas, values of Constitution from Preamble Park: Fadnavis, Gadkari

Nagpur 29 June: Bharat Ratna Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar crafted the Indian Constitution by blending global and timeless Indian values, with the Preamble being its core. If citizens embrace the values enshrined in the Preamble, 90% of the country's issues could be resolved permanently, said chief minister Devendra Fadnavis on Saturday. Fadnavis was speaking during the inauguration of the Constitution Preamble Park and a full-length statue of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar by CJI Bhushan Gavai on the premises of Dr Babasaheb

Ambedkar School of Law. Union minister for road transport and highways, Nitin Gadkari, said the park will spread the Constitution's fundamental ideas among students and the public. Fadnavis stated that it is a matter of great pride and satisfaction for him that the Constitution Preamble Park and Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar's statue are being unveiled at the same law college where he studied constitutional principles and put them into practice. The CM stressed that completion and public opening of this park during the Amrit Mahotsav year of the Constitution is particularly significant. "The



Indian Constitution has established a robust democracy, ensuring freedom of expression, fundamental rights, equal opportunities, and a system for delivering justice. This has

enabled India to become the world's fourth-largest economy. The Preamble is the essence of the Constitution, and its values need to be embraced by all citizens," he said. Fadnavis

expressed confidence that the park will inspire everyone who visits it. He also announced that a new building for the School of Law would be constructed, and all necessary facilities would be provided for the park. Gadkari said Nagpur University took the initiative to establish the Constitution Preamble Park, which was realised with financial support from the state govt and public participation. He highlighted that the university has produced eminent personalities like a Prime Minister, while Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Law College has given the country two CJIs. "The establishment of the park adds to this legacy," he said. Social justice minister Sanjay Shiras discussed the financial and other support provided by the social justice ministry for the park's establishment. Senior social activist and chairman of the Constitution Preamble Park Committee, Girish Gandhi, provided details of the park's development stages. Nagpur University acting VCM Madhavi Khodare, School of Law director Ravishankar Mor, Constitution Preamble Park Committee members and others were present on the occasion. Committee member Puran Meshram read out the Constitution's Preamble.

Guardian Minister Sanjay Rathod directs action against banks

YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: "There are clear instructions to the banks that the subsidy deposited in the accounts of beneficiaries of various schemes, including the farmers, should not be deducted under any circumstances. Despite this, there are complaints that banks are deducting amount and are reluctant to return it," pointed out Guardian Minister Sanjay Rathod and he directed that cases should be registered against banks in the district if found overruling the instructions. Rathod was addressing a meeting in the Nijodjan Bhavan where he reviewed the expenditure incurred under the General District Annual Plan, Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan of the previous year as well as the expenditure incurred under these three schemes till the end of May in this financial year. The meeting was attended by Tribal Development Minister Dr Ashok Uike, Minister of State Indranil Naik, MP Sanjay Deshmukh, MP Pratibha Dhanolkar, MLA Dhiraj Lingade, MLA Raju Todsam, MLA Balasaheb Mangulkar, MLA Kisan Wankhede, MLA Sanjay Derkar, District Collector Vikas Meena, Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Parishad Mandar Patki, Assistant Collector Amit Ranjan, Additional SP Piyush Jagtap, District Planning Officer Sudhakar Ade and department heads. Initially, Vikas Meena presented information about expenditure of the previous year and expenditure incurred so far this year. Last year, a fund of Rs 680.81 crore was approved from all the three schemes. Out of which, Rs 678.96 crore was spent. The percentage of expenditure is 99.76. This year, Rs 528 crore has been approved in the general district annual plan, Rs 84 crore in the SC sub-plan



and Rs 142.38 crore in the tribal sub-plan, totaling Rs 754.38 crore. Compared to last year, this year's plan has increased by Rs 73.57 crore. Under the Jaljevan Mission scheme, 1,539 works have been approved in the district. Rathod said that works for which ten per cent process is completed but work has not been started by the contractor, the earlier contract should be scrapped and new tendered should be floated. "Instructions should be given to the contractors to complete works which are in progress as soon as possible. If the contractors are delaying work, take action against them," he said. "Rs 3.5 crore have been allocated from the planning for the road mapping project.

All the roads should be included in this project and it should be presented," said the Guardian Minister. Expressing dissatisfaction over the CT scan machine in medical college, Rathod said the Collector should hold a separate meeting and inquire into the issue. The meeting discussed the distribution of assistance to affected farmers, frequent power outages, works under the PM Gram Sadak Yojana, illegal brick kilns, crematorium, new power stations.

Western Coalfield Patsansta scam, pre-arrest bail application rejected

WANI / NAGPUR POST: The pre-arrest bail application filed by the accused credit society president Dilip Tembhurde and secretary Ramesh Kanojia in the Additional District Sessions Court in Pandharkawada in the case of embezzlement of Rs 1 crore 25 lakh 9 thousand 801 in the Western Coalfield Employees' Cooperative Credit Society in Rajur Colliery has been rejected. Therefore, will the police now arrest the accused? The question is being raised. A case of fraud was registered at the Wani police station against four people, including the president of the credit society, Dilip



Tembhurde, two secretaries and a manager, in the case of embezzlement of Rs 1 crore 27 lakh 9 thousand 801 in the Western Coalfield Employees' Cooperative Credit Society in Rajur Colliery in March. The accused had filed an application in the Additional District Sessions Court in Pandharkawada to get pre-arrest bail. However, the court rejected the anticipatory bail application of the accused. Due to this, the accused are now in trouble. The deposits of many employees are stuck in this credit institution. Retired employees have deposited deposits in this credit institution as a last resort. But the employees are desperate as they are not getting them. The depositors of the credit institution are looking forward to when the police will take action to arrest the accused in this case.

In-House training programme successfully organised at New English Academy of Genius



Wardha 29 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): In-House Training was successfully organized at New English Academy of Genius, Wardha on 28 June 2025. The program focused on the personal and professional development of the teaching staff. The event began with a warm welcome to the esteemed guests, including Chief Guests—Hon'ble Shri. Anilji Katane, Hon'ble Shri. Anilji Katane, Hon'ble Shri. Ashokji Goyanka Sir, Hon'ble Shri. Pradeepji Bajaj Sir. The program was also graced by Mrs. Angha Agwan Ma'am, Principal of New English Highschool & Junior College, Wardha. The resource person, Dr. Devendra Gujarkar Sir, led an

inspiring session on personality development, which was insightful and engaging for all the participants. The entire event was effectively anchored by Pragati Nishane Madam ensuring smooth coordination. The program concluded with a gracious vote of thanks delivered by Kajal Sakharbari Madam. The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the lamp, symbolizing knowledge and enlightenment, expressing heartfelt gratitude to all the dignitaries, speakers, and participants for making the event a grand success. The introductory speech given by Mrs. Priyanka Updeo madam. Ruchita Ma'am shared a thoughtful review on Sanskrit,

reflecting on her experience from the program conducted by Sanskrit Bharati Mandal, Wardha. A session on Vidyan Sanskar Shibir was conducted by Vaishali Revatkar Ma'am, where she shared meaningful memories and insights from the shibir, enriching the training experience further. The review of the personality development session was presented by four dedicated teachers—Pradhnya Patil Ma'am, Riya Ma'am, Pranita Singh Ma'am, and Pranali Wankhede Ma'am—who shared their valuable feedback and learning experiences. Great effort taken by Mrs. Swati Deshpande madam, Yogita Raut madam, Mr. Saurabh Wanjari, Ms. Vaishnavi Madavi and Jyoti Deogirkar.

ZP Patsansta's net profit Rs 7.33 crore: Chairman Mahesh Sonekar

YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: Yavatmal Zilla Parishad Karmachari Sahakari Patsansta has made a net profit of seven crore thirty-three lakhs in the financial year 2024-2025 and the institution's deposits have increased, informed the chairman Mahesh Sonekar in the press conference. Yavatmal Zilla Parishad Karmachari Sahakari Patsansta Yavatmal No. 109 has a total of 10 thousand 632 members and the institution has distributed loans of 252 crores to its members. The member share capital of the institution is 36 crore 13 lakhs and the reserve fund is 41 crores. The institution has deposits of 337 crore 90 lakhs today and the institution has investments of 166 crore 79 lakhs in other banks. The organization has its own well-equipped office and has self-owned well-equipped offices in Yavatmal, Darva, Pusad and Wani, and branches have been opened in Arni and Pandharkawada for the convenience of the members. The organization provides loans to members up to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs, and the loan is immediately deposited in the bank account. The organization is completely self-reliant today and the organization does not have any bank loans. The organization has increased the interest rate on deposits and the maximum interest rate is 10 percent. Every year, the organization felicitates the meritorious children of members who have passed 10th, 12th, JEE, NEET and qualified in MPSC and

UPSC, and carries out social activities such as tree conservation, help for chronic diseases, etc. In the financial year, a relief fund of Rs. 3 lakh 10 thousand has been given to members. Under the Sahasrad Kutumb Adhar Yojana, in the last financial year, Rs 90 lakh was distributed to the heirs of 15 deceased members, i.e. Rs 6 lakh each, and Rs 12 lakh to the heirs of DCPM holders, i.e. Rs 96 lakh to the heirs of 8 members, a total of Rs 1 crore 86 lakh. Similarly, the organization has taken out an accident insurance of Rs 30 lakh for members, and under this, a claim of Rs 50 lakh was given to the heirs of 2 members who died in accidents. In the current financial year, the organization has reduced the member accident insurance premium from Rs 980 to Rs 900, saving the members by Rs 80/-.



The organization has opened savings accounts for all members and from this year onwards, the amount of beneficiaries will be deposited in their savings accounts. The organization has also started RTGS, NEFT, net banking facilities to speed up the work of the members and members will get information

about their loan accounts and other deposits through their mobile phones at home. Also, members will be able to do financial transactions through mobile phones. Although locker facilities are available in the organization at a low cost, all citizens as well as members should benefit from them, and the board of directors are trying to come up with some innovative schemes in the future for the benefit of the members, informed Mahesh Sonekar, president of the organization. Vice President Sanjay Gawande, Secretary Sanjay Bihade, Director Popeshwar Bhoyar, Mukesh Bhoyar, Sharad Gharod, Vinodkumar Kudam, Ashok Chatap, Gajanan Poyam, Tushar Atram, Nadim Patel, Pradeep, Mohite, Abhijit Thakare, Swapnil Phulmali, Vilas Tonge, Sachin Thakare, Tejas Tiwari, Sunita Gughane, Vijaya Raut, General Manager Maroti Rajgadkar, etc. were present in the press conference.

