

BULLS EYE

What will 'Uddhav-Raj' duodo?...

No one from Shiv Sena could rise to the occasion and respond adequately to the order given by Balasaheb to become the supreme leader of the party. The days that made Shiv Sainiks happy are now fading into oblivion in the pits of Mumbai. This is what all the Shiv Sainiks of Balasaheb and the current MNS activists who were Shiv Sainiks once upon a time feel. Uddhav Thackeray ascended to the throne nevertheless. At that time, Raj Saheb also supported him. After that, 'Both Thackeray brothers, 'Tanse and Manse' also separated left some time in the beginning. So, Uddhav Thackeray's command went up and down and Raj Thackeray's steps kept going down. In fact, after the birth of Maharashtra Navnirman Sena, thirteen legislators were elected. Maharashtra Navnirman Sena achieved such a brilliant success in the very beginning itself. What is special is that one of them was a gold-plated legislator. Along with that, the power of Nashik Municipal Corporation was in their firm hand. But what happened or is happening after that is inexplicable. This is what all the Shiv Sainiks in Maharashtra can see. Uddhav Thackeray's faction fared relatively well and won many seats in the LS polls. At that time, Raj Saheb gave Modiji his unconditional and unconditional support. At that time, the flag of Maha Vikas Aghadi flew high in Maharashtra. However, before the Maharashtra legislative assembly elections, Shinde faction Shiv Sena, which everyone supported and had loved, took the Thackeray faction of Shiv Sena by surprise. The miserable state of the Maha Vikas Aghadi in the subsequent legislative assembly elections was very devastating and was to be seen to be believed. The Bharatiya Janata Party dealt a massive blow not only to the opposition party, but also to its allies. A robust strategy was devised by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. After that, leaders of all parties in Maharashtra literally stopped talking to each other. The flame of MNS did not light up even then. The tiger roar of Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray's Shiv Sena was in turn not audible at all. The Congress's promises of delivering the goods as in case of the previous parliamentary elections turned out to be hollow. Sharad Pawar and his NCP faction in turn did not find a credible voice. However, Shindeshahi and Pawarshahi achieved considerable success there. All these formalities were completed, and at the same time, with the support of many independent candidates, the Bharatiya Janata Party could have become the ruling party in its own right. But no one has yet understood the meaning of Shinde faction's so called glorious victory and Pawar junior's victory. The Lok Sabha election was held, the assembly polls were held, and now the local body polls in Maharashtra are being held. It was necessary to create a new equation somewhere to counter the thunderous fist of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Even in Mumbai and its suburbs, there are towering Shiv Sainiks or MNS leaders who definitely believe in camaraderie between both the Thackeray brothers. Shiv Sainiks and MNS activists frequently come together. Even though the Bharatiya Janata Party is saying that nothing is wrong with us, it is not possible to say what will happen after the merger of these two parties. These two Thackerays should not come together. Therefore, it is understood that a lot of agitation is going on behind closed doors. But now, at least to take control of the Mumbai Municipal Corporation and some other municipal corporations, these two brothers should forget all their differences and come together. Therefore, many efforts are being made in this concern. Shiv Sena was formed in this very month in 1966. It was probably a move to combat the emergency that came in this month in turn. How effective is the speech of the Thackeray brothers? This is what entire Maharashtra, including Shiv Sainiks and the activists of Maharashtra Navnirman Sena, have to see. Jai Bhavanii! Jai Shivajii! Jai Maharashtra!!!

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CM inaugurates Thane Creek Bridge No 3

Mumbai, June 5 (UNI) Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday virtually inaugurated the Thane Creek Bridge No 3 South Channel on the Sion-Panvel Mahamarg, marking a major step forward in boosting connectivity between Mumbai and Pune. This new bridge is a significant addition to the Mumbai-Pune highway and stands as a milestone in modern engineering and infrastructure development. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar, Minister Dadaji Bhuse, MoS Meghna Bordikar and other dignitaries. An audiovisual presentation was also showcased, offering insights into this landmark project and its role in easing traffic congestion on the busy corridor. An official post on X (formerly Twitter) shared by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, along with a photograph of the bridge, highlighted the milestone.

Fadnavis inaugurates the final phase of Samruddhi Mahamarg

Mumbai, June 5 (UNI) Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis along with deputy chief ministers Ajit Pawar and Eknath Shinde on Thursday officially inaugurated the final phase of the Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Expressway. The much-anticipated 76-km stretch from Igatpuri to Amane in Thane district was opened with a grand ceremony. This final phase marks the full completion of the 701-km, six-lane, access-controlled expressway connecting Mumbai and Nagpur. An official post on X shared by CM Fadnavis, along with a photograph of the Mahamarg and the video, highlighted the milestone. According



to Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) managing director Anil Shahapur, and Amane in Thane—as well as India's longest road tunnel, a

Gaikwad, the ambitious Mumbai-Nagpur Super Communication Expressway is built at a cost of Rs 1,182 crore and is jointly funded by the MSRDC and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). It features three major interchanges — at Igatpuri, Kutghar in

7.8-km passage through the Kasara Ghat. The new link offers a significant improvement over the old Mumbai-Nashik route, reducing the elevation motorists must climb from 450 metres to just 160 metres and cutting travel time between Igatpuri and Amane from 90 minutes to 40 minutes. With this final portion operational, the entire expressway will be fully functional, slashing the Mumbai-Nagpur journey from 16 hours to just eight. The Rs 55,000-crore project is engineered for speeds up to 150 kmph and includes 33 major bridges, 274 minor bridges, 65 flyovers, and six tunnels. The expressway, officially named the Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg, was a flagship vision of Chief Minister Fadnavis.

Fire in cake shop inside Churchgate railway station, no casualties



Mumbai, June 5 (UNI) A massive fire broke out at the Monginis cake shop located inside Churchgate railway station in south Mumbai on Thursday. The incident was reported at approximately around 5.27 PM in the evening. According to preliminary information, the fire erupted in the shop situated within the premises of Churchgate station was doused within half an hour. However, no injury was reported in this incident. The reason of the fire has yet to be ascertained.

MNS leader not against alliance with Shiv Sena (UBT)

Mumbai, June 5 (UNI) Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS)' young leader Amit Thackeray clarified on Thursday that he was open to idea of an alliance between his party and the Shiv Sena (Thackeray) group. When asked about the estranged cousins coming together ahead of upcoming local bodies elections, he replied that he had no objection to the two leaders coming together. They (both the leaders) should talk to each other and decide about it, as both have each other's phone number, Amit added. He made this statement a day after Shiv Sena (Thackeray) leader



Sushma Andhare also appealed the two cousins to come together in interest of Maharashtra. Amit Thackeray also took a veiled dig at Shiv Sena (Thackeray) group MP Sanjay Raut over his morning routine of making

statements. The discussions about the Thackeray cousins coming together gained momentum after a statement made by Raj Thackeray in an interview to film director Mahesh Manjrekar's YouTube channel. After that, Uddhav Thackeray also expressed his support for the alliance, saying that the interests of Maharashtra and the Marathi people are more important than the differences between the two leaders. In a recent instance, Shiv Sainiks and MNS workers protested together for the Palava bridge in Dombivli.

All-Party Delegation led by Shashi Tharoor briefs key interlocutors in US



Washington/New Delhi, June 5 (UN) The All-Party Parliamentary Delegation led by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor briefed the leadership of the House Congressional Caucus on India, the House Foreign Affairs Committee, media & Indian diaspora on the cross-border terrorism faced by India.

SC orders immediate ban on all mining in core area of Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve

New Delhi, June 5 (UNI) The Supreme Court recently ordered the Rajasthan government to impose an immediate ban on all mining activities within the core area of the Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve. A bench, comprising CJI B R Gavai and Justices AG Masih and A S Chandurkar, emphasised that this ban must be strictly enforced.

TREE PLANTATION DRIVE...



On the occasion of World Environment day, the members of Akhil Malvi Mahila Sonar Sangh organised tree plantation drive at Prayas Van Yavatmal. Tree plantation is the need of hours to maintain environment, hence the drive was carried out by Akhil Malvi Mahila Sonar Sangh.

Pakistan is terror perpetrator: Kharage

New Delhi, June 5 (UNI) Congress president Mallikarjun Kharage on Thursday called upon the international community to recognise and support India's position on terrorism emanating from Pakistan, asserting that "victim and perpetrator cannot be equated and should not be hyphenated". "Pakistan is the perpetrator of terror. India is a victim of terror.



They cannot be equated. They should not be hyphenated," Kharage said in a post on X. Criticising international financial institutions, Kharage said, "IMF, ADB, and World Bank sanctioning or deciding to sanction loans and bailout packages shall only increase Pakistan's military expenditure, which its rogue Army uses to unleash terror on Indians".

Supriya Sule denies talks on NCP factions' merger

Mumbai, June 5 (UNI) NCP (SP) MP Supriya Sule on Thursday dismissed rumors of a merger between the two rival NCP factions led by Sharad Pawar and his estranged nephew Ajit Pawar. Talking to reporters here, she clarified that no discussions or proposals regarding reunification have taken place. "There is no storm in a teacup as some are suggesting," said Ms Sule, who serves as the working president of the NCP (SP) and is the daughter of party chief Sharad Pawar. She added that the party would participate in the upcoming INDIA alliance meeting scheduled in the coming days. The NCP is set to celebrate its 26th foundation day in Pune on June 10, where Sharad Pawar is expected to address party leaders in the morning, followed by a public meeting featuring Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and NCP head Ajit Pawar. Despite multiple recent meetings between the two leaders, speculation about a possible



reconciliation continues to swirl. The party split occurred in July 2023 when Ajit Pawar joined the BJP-Shiv Sena government along with several NCP leaders, fracturing the party founded by Sharad Pawar.

Dassault, Tata Advanced ink deal to make Rafale fuselage in India

Mumbai, June 5 (UNI) Tata Advanced Systems Limited will make fuselages for the Dassault Aviation-manufactured Rafale fighter aircraft in India, according to an agreement reached here on Thursday. Both the companies have signed four production transfer agreements to manufacture the fuselage in India, marking a significant step forward in strengthening the country's aerospace manufacturing capabilities and supporting global supply chains. This facility represents a significant investment in India's aerospace infrastructure and will serve as a critical hub for high-precision manufacturing. Under the scope of the partnership, Tata Advanced Systems will set up a cutting-edge production facility in Hyderabad for the



manufacture of key structural sections of the Rafale, including the lateral shells of the rear fuselage, the complete rear section, the central fuselage, and the front section. The first fuselage sections are expected to roll off the assembly line in FY2028, with the facility expected to deliver up to two complete fuselages per month.

Upgrading training in ITIs vitally essential for mentoring technically skilled manpower: Mangal Prabhat Lodha

Nagpur 5 June: The government is committed to providing technically skilled young manpower through industrial training institutes in the state. The pace at which the needs of industrialisation are changing, new technologies are coming in indeed rapid. Products from solar energy equipment to electrical vehicles have come in the industry. The Maharashtra government has recently announced a policy to make skilled manpower available for this purpose. In this concern, the state's Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Minister Mangal Prabhat Lodha expressed his belief that with the participation of companies, a young generation of skilled technical professionals with expertises as per industry needs can be mentored. He was speaking at a seminar organised at Chitnavis Park, Civil Lines, on the modernisation of government ITIs through public-private partnership. Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skill University Vice Chancellor Dr. Apurva Palkar, Advantage Vidarbha President Ashish Kale, Joint Directors Yogesh Patil, Nikhil Mundle, Mitra Coordinator Vinay Kumar Sote and representatives of various companies were present on the occasion. There are about 418 industrial



be imparted according to the employment opportunities available in the industrial sector and as per the requirement. The government has understood some of the shortcomings and in order to overcome them, we have adopted a policy of updating industrial training institutions through private partnership. As per this policy, we are eager to work with the private industry sector and appeal to the companies to come forward with confidence, said Minister Mangal Prabhat Lodha. We have set the objective of transforming our ITI institutes into world-class training centres as per this policy. The policy will be implemented with the participation of the Department of Skill Development, Employment and Entrepreneurship, Ratan Tata

Maharashtra State Skill University, Maharashtra State Board of Skill Vocational Education and Training, Maharashtra State Innovation Society, Maharashtra State Skill Development Society. Due to the efforts of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, a large number of new industries are coming up in Vidarbha. Entrepreneurs are making huge investments in Vidarbha. Kiran Kale, Chairman of Advantage Vidarbha, expressed optimism that the new policy of the government will create the technically skilled manpower required by the industrial sector. Investing in human skills is a continuous process. There is no alternative to it, and that is why the government has brought about this new policy. Vice Chancellor Dr. Apoorva Palkar said that if everyone comes together and makes efforts, the issue of skilled manpower will be resolved immediately. In this programme, entrepreneurs from Vidarbha interacted with Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Minister Mangal Prabhat Lodha. Representatives of industrial organisations were felicitated on the occasion. Joint Director Kiran Motghare proposed the vote of thanks.

India has outperformed global growth average despite challenges: Om Birla

Brasilia/New Delhi, June 5 (UNI) Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Thursday said despite the global uncertainties and domestic challenges, India has consistently outperformed the global growth average. "Rising from the 10th largest economy in 2014 to the 4th largest today is a testament to India's robust policies and the strength of its people," Birla said while addressing the 2nd Working Session of the BRICS Parliamentary Forum here on the theme 'BRICS Parliamentary Action in Search of New Paths for Economic Development', an official statement said. He said that from 2014-15 to 2024-25, India's GDP has grown at an average rate of over 7 percent, making it the fastest-growing major economy in the world. Birla noted that India is not only the world's largest and most vibrant democracy but also a nation with stable governance, strong constitutional institutions, the rule of law, a transparent and accountable tax system, and decisive leadership that has earned the trust of global investors. The Lok Sabha Speaker said that India supports a fair and rule-based global trading system—one that adequately addresses the needs and aspirations of the Global South.

Eye on poll: Major reshuffle in NMC's engineering wing ahead of civic elections

Nagpur 5 June: With civic election preparations gaining momentum, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has initiated a significant reshuffle within its engineering department. After a long pause, a major round of transfers and postings was carried out on Wednesday, affecting over 80 engineers across various levels. A total of 5 Executive Engineers, 3 Deputy Engineers, and 12 Junior Engineers have been transferred. In addition, 7 Executive Engineers, 32 newly promoted Deputy Engineers, and 29 Junior Engineers have received fresh postings, some after prolonged waits following their promotions. Officials said the transfers and postings were based on performance evaluations. Those whose work was found unsatisfactory were shifted out, while some officers were relieved of additional charges. Engineers who were performing efficiently in their assigned roles have now been given permanent postings in the same departments.

Promotions and postings

Among the 32 engineers promoted from Junior to Deputy Engineer rank, the following key postings have been made:

- Shweta Dandekar – Deputy Engineer, Architecture & Advertisement Dept.
- Vajjayanti Aade – Deputy Engineer, Town Planning
- Abhijit Netam – Laxmi Nagar Zone
- UG Khandate – Enforcement Dept.
- Raju Gautam – Deputy Engineer, Project-2
- Ravi Munge – Drainage Dept. (HQ)
- Jitendra Sahare – GRA Cell
- Devendra Bhovate – Lakadganj Zone

All other newly promoted engineers have also been assigned to their respective

departments. Additionally, 29 Junior Engineers have received new placements across zones.

Junior Engineer transfers across zones

Twelve Junior Engineers were transferred from one zone to another. Key changes include:

- D.R. Tekam – Hanuman Nagar to Dhandoli Zone
- Pundalik Dhore – Dhandoli to Dharampeth Zone
- Arun Pethewar – Slum Dept. to Dharampeth
- Ashish Talewar – Hotmix Plant to Town Planning
- Manish Bhoir – Nehru Nagar to Town Planning
- A.M. Mankar – Gandhibagh to PWD HQ
- Kamalakar Rajurkar – Sataranjipura to Lakadganj
- Purushottam Pandey – Laxmi Nagar to DPDC Cell
- Rahul Rokde – Hotmix Plant to Education Dept.
- Vinod Waje – Sataranjipura to Hanuman Nagar
- Pradeep Hole – Sataranjipura to Central Quality Control
- Jyoti Kubde – Central QC to Town Planning

Executive and Deputy Engineer transfers

As per orders issued under the directive of Municipal Commissioner Dr. Abhijit Chaudhari, the following Executive Engineers have been transferred:

- Manoj Singh – from Hanuman Nagar Zone to Education Dept.
- Vijay Gurubakshani – from Dharampeth to Hanuman Nagar Zone



- Sachin Rakshamwar – from Gandhibagh to Lakadganj Zone
 - Sanjay Mate – from Lakadganj to Public Health Engineering (Drainage), HQ
 - Pankaj Parashar – from Architecture to HQ under Chief Engineer
- Three Deputy Engineers were also transferred:
- Anand Mokhade – from Town Planning to Hanuman Nagar
 - Pravin Agarkar – from Hanuman Nagar to DPDC South
 - Mangesh Gedam – from Town Planning to DPDC West

The reshuffle comes at a crucial time when the civic body is gearing up for the municipal elections, and the administration appears keen on strengthening its engineering machinery by placing the right people in the right posts.

Rs 10 lakh funds allotted for tribal empowerment embezzled



Gadchiroli 5 June: A shocking incident has come to light that the funds of the Panjabrao Deshmukh Interest Subsidy Scheme, which is being implemented under the Tribal Upojyo to empower various tribal executive bodies and service cooperatives, were diverted to the account of a relative and lakhs of rupees were embezzled.

District Collector Panda, taking serious note of this, issued a show-cause notice to District Deputy Registrar Vikram Sahare on June 3 creating a stir. In this regard, BJP Sahakari Morcha District President Ashish Pipere and Shinde Sena's Armori Vidhan Sabha organizer Narayan Dhakate had complained to Guardian Minister Adv. Ashish Jaiswal and District Collector Panda. After that, the District Collector sought an inquiry report.

It was found that first Rs 6 lakh and then Rs 4 lakh were diverted from the District Deputy Registrar's office bank account to his own relative's account. Irregularities were also found in the cash book.

Against this backdrop, District Collector Panda issued a show-cause notice to District Deputy Registrar Vikram Sahare, accusing him of lack of control over office operations. An explanation has been issued within three days and action will be taken if the explanation is not provided. "I have no direct connection with this matter. My signature was scanned and the funds were diverted."

Accountant Hemant Jadhav has been suspended in this regard. Criminal action has been proposed and a detailed report has been submitted to the Cooperative Commissioner and Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Vikram Sahare, District Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Gadchiroli, said according to the report by a popular media house.

Lighting bidi initiates blaze, elderly paralytic man dies

Bhandara 5 June: Smoking bidi (hand-rolled thin cigarettes) is considered injurious to health, but it turned fatal for a 65-year-old man in Bhandara district of Maharashtra when an ignited bidi triggered a fire and engulfed him. The man died after his clothes caught fire while he was smoking a bidi in his home in Manegao village under Lakhni taluka of the district in Vidarbha on Tuesday, police said on Wednesday.

The deceased was identified by police as Omprakash



Kamble. According to police, Kamble was a paralytic and largely confined to his bed since the last five years. The elderly man was a smoker and he lit a bidi when there was no one in his house, accidentally triggered fire in which he suffered severe burn injuries and died, they added.

Pyarelal Gupta passes away

YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: Pyarelal Gupta (aged 72), who laid the strong foundation of leading establishments in the plastic and crockery business like Raj Crockery, Ganesh Crockery, Rajesh Plastic, Shyam Crockery, which became the glory of Yavatmal, passed away tragically on 5th June 2025 due to cardiac arrest. The funeral will start from his residence in Surajnagar at 10 am tomorrow 6 June and the last rites will be held at Pandharkawada Mokshadham.

He is survived by his wife Pushpa, brothers Shamla,



Ganesh, Rajesh, sister Lata Aghari, son Jagdish, daughters Mamta and Namrata.

Maha govt sets up expert panel to finalise Nagpur Nagrik Rugnalaya land auction

Nagpur 5 June: In a key step toward reviving healthcare infrastructure on the prime plot once housing the Nagpur Nagrik Sahakari Rugnalaya, the Maharashtra Government has constituted a nine-member expert committee headed by the Chairman of Nagpur Improvement Trust (NIT) to oversee the auction process and select a charitable organisation to develop a new hospital on the site. The move follows a directive from the Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court. The State has also sweetened the deal by notifying a 25% concession in the upfront land lease premium, making the offer more attractive for prospective bidders. The 62,888 sq. mtr. land parcel is located at Mouza Lendra on North Ambazari Road, with a base price pegged at Rs 10.63 crore. The committee, which includes top physicians and senior government officials, has been tasked with preparing the contours of the Request for Proposal (RFP), finalising the pre-bid price, selecting an advisor for bid drafting, and scrutinising submitted bids. The NIT will float the final RFP after the committee concludes its work within three months.



Transplant Coordination Centre

- Dr Lokendra Singh, Director, CIIMS
- Dr Shrikant Mukewar, Gastroenterologist
- Dr Sanjeev Chaudhari, Orthopaedician

The panel will also select a technical advisor for drafting the bid document and supervise the entire bidding process — from floating tenders to choosing the organisation that will develop and run the hospital.

The land's legacy

The Nagpur Nagrik Sahakari Rugnalaya was a pioneering healthcare initiative in the region, run on a co-operative model. It served patients affordably at a time when private healthcare options were limited. However, financial troubles forced its closure after over a decade of service. The abandoned hospital structure was later demolished due to disuse and structural decline. While the NIT had once proposed to set up a public hospital on the land, the State Government had deemed the plan unviable. Instead, the focus shifted to inviting a credible private charitable organisation to build a modern hospital — preferably with facilities for organ transplantation — following a PIL filed in the High Court.

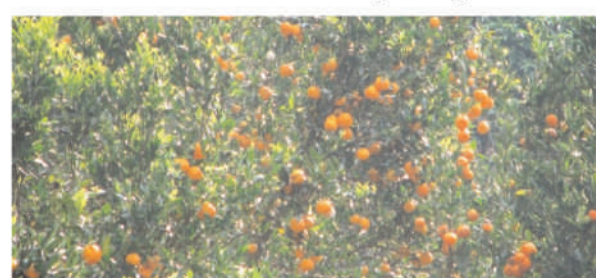
Nagpur oranges selected for centre's Rs 300-crore 'Clean Plant' project

Nagpur 5 June: In a major boost to horticulture and climate-resilient farming, the Central Government has selected Nagpur for implementing its ambitious 'Clean Plant' Project focused on producing disease-free orange saplings. The initiative is part of a nationwide plan under which nine 'Clean Plant' centres will be established across India, with three key projects in Maharashtra—for oranges in Nagpur, grapes in Pune, and pomegranates in Solapur. Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the initiative during the valedictory session of the first International Agri Hackathon in Pune on Tuesday. The three Maharashtra centres will be set up at a total cost of Rs 300 crore.

Disease-free plants, global-standard nurseries

The project will establish state-of-the-art plant tissue culture nurseries aimed at producing up to 8 crore disease-free planting materials annually. These modern nurseries will help protect fruit crops from climate-induced diseases while boosting both quality and productivity.

Each district will see



the creation of:

- Large nurseries with a grant of Rs 3 crore
- Medium-sized nurseries supported with Rs 1.5 crore

"These nurseries will serve as technology hubs and directly support farmers who adopt modern agricultural practices," said Chouhan. "Our goal is to ensure that Maharashtra's horticulture can compete globally, and for that, international expertise, especially from Israel and the Netherlands, will be leveraged."

Bridging the Lab-to-Land divide

Highlighting the urgent need to connect scientific research with on-ground farming, Chouhan said, "Today, farmers have no guarantee that the saplings they buy are disease-free. The Clean Plant Project addresses this gap." He added that the government's 'Lab to Land' initiative will

involve over 16,000 scientists across India working directly with farmers to transfer the latest technologies and research outcomes. Also present at the event, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis underlined the increasing challenges posed by climate change in agriculture.

He advocated for greater adoption of digital tools and innovations coming out of platforms like the Agri Hackathon.

"We must incubate these solutions and ensure they reach farmers at scale," he said.

A new era for Nagpur's citrus industry

With the implementation of the Clean Plant Project, Nagpur—already known as the Orange Capital of India—is expected to become a national hub for disease-free citrus production, reinforcing its status in the global citrus value chain.

Cobra strikes during rescue: Sarpamitra bitten, Nagpur hospitals caught unprepared

Nagpur 5 June: With monsoon rains looming, snake sightings are on the rise — and so are snake-bite cases. In the last fortnight alone, two incidents have been reported in Nagpur. The latest one involved a young snake rescuer who narrowly escaped a tragic end.

On Monday morning, 24-year-old Aniket Uikey, a dedicated Sarpamitra (friend of snakes) from Vihirgaon, responded to an urgent call about a snake sighting in a residential area. Armed with his experience and tools, he began the rescue operation. But what seemed like a routine task turned dangerous when a 4 to 5-foot cobra struck, sinking its fangs into Aniket's right hand. Despite the bite, Uikey bravely continued the rescue, safely securing the venomous reptile in a jar before rushing for medical help. But what followed exposed a serious lapse in the city's emergency preparedness. The first hospital he approached lacked the anti-venom required for his treatment. So did the next — and the one after that. It wasn't until he reached Government Medical College and Hospital



(GMCH) that he received the life-saving anti-venom injection. Upon learning about the incident, members of the Wildlife Welfare Society — including Secretary Nitish Bhandarkar and Pravin Tule — arrived at GMCH to collect the rescued cobra. The reptile was later released into the wild on the outskirts of Nagpur. Just a few days prior, Sachin Uikey, another local resident, died after being bitten by a snake — underscoring the life-threatening consequences of such encounters, especially when prompt treatment isn't available. The Wildlife Welfare Society has now issued a dual appeal: urging sarpamitras to take extra precautions during the monsoon, and calling on all hospitals in Nagpur to stock sufficient anti-venom supplies to avoid further tragedies.

Nagpur's Dr Indurkar to design iconic Ram-Sita museum in Ayodhya

Nagpur 5 June: In a remarkable recognition of Vidarbha's cultural and intellectual contributions, Dr Vinod Narayan Indurkar — a distinguished fine arts expert and renowned educationist from Nagpur — has been appointed as an advisor to the ambitious Ram-Sita Museum project in Ayodhya. The museum, one of India's most awaited cultural initiatives, aims to offer a world-class, multi-sensory tribute to the divine legacy of Lord Ram and Goddess Sita. Currently serving as Chairman of the Government of India's Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), Dr Indurkar brings decades of experience in aesthetics, iconography, museum design, and cultural pedagogy. He will play a pivotal role in conceptualising and designing the museum, blending scholarly precision with experiential innovation. Slated to open by 2030, the museum will occupy three to four acres and promises a transformative journey through the Ramayan. Its architecture will be a symbolic blend of tradition and modernity — inspired by

elements such as the Pushpak Viman, forest landscapes, and sacred temple layouts. Every detail will reflect the epic's spiritual essence and narrative richness. The museum will feature thematic galleries tracing key milestones of the Ramayan — from Ram's birth and exile, to his battle with Ravan, culminating in his coronation. It will also give special prominence to Sita's strength, resilience, and central role, offering a balanced and inclusive portrayal. The global impact of the Ramayana, particularly in South-East Asia, will be explored through curated exhibits and cultural artefacts. What sets this project apart is its embrace of cutting-edge technology. Visitors will experience immersive storytelling through Augmented and Virtual Reality walkthroughs, holographic narrations, gesture-based installations, and 360-degree projection domes. Smart, multilingual audio guides and AI-powered navigation will personalise the journey for every guest. But this will be more



than just a museum — it's envisioned as a living cultural centre. The space will host Ram Leela performances, Vedic meditation zones, craft workshops, and manuscript conservation units, fostering spiritual engagement and cultural education side by side.

To boost Ayodhya's cultural economy, the project will integrate ethical gift shops, artisanal products, and a digital museum experience accessible on mobile platforms. It will also serve as a major stop along the evolving Ayodhya tourism circuit, drawing pilgrims, scholars, students, and tourists from around the world. The museum's development will be shaped through collaborative efforts

with cultural scholars, local communities, and international institutions, ensuring both authenticity and global appeal. Public-private partnerships are also on the cards to elevate the project to world-class standards. Speaking about the vision, Dr Indurkar remarked: "This museum will not merely preserve the story of Shri Ram and Sita — it will bring their timeless legacy to life through immersive storytelling, spiritual ambiance, and cultural innovation." With its firm grounding in tradition and bold leap into the future, the Ram-Sita Museum promises to become a landmark of devotion, education, and cultural renaissance for generations to come.

Major fake drug racket busted in Nagpur

Key accused Robin Taneja gets bail

Nagpur 5 June: A major fake medicines racket supplying counterfeit drugs through government tenders has been busted, leading to the arrest of Robin alias Himanshu Vijaykumar Taneja by Kalmeshwar police. Following the exposure of the entire syndicate, Taneja applied for bail at the District Sessions Court. After hearing arguments from both sides, the court granted him bail under stringent conditions. Investigations revealed that counterfeit medicines were manufactured and supplied to government hospitals via official contracts. The racket came to light when forensic analysis confirmed the drugs were fake.

Fake Companies and Certificates Used

According to the prosecution, accused Vijay Shailendra Chaudhary procured counterfeit Ciprofloxacin 500 mg tablets (marketed as Recip-500) and handed them over to



Mihir Shashikant Trivedi. Trivedi then passed them to Hemant Dhondiba Mule, who supplied the drugs to Nagpur's Civil Surgeon, General Hospital, after securing the government tender. Drug Inspector Nitin Bhandarkar collected samples and sent them for testing to the Government Analyst in Mumbai. The analyst reported that the drugs were spurious under Section 17-B of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. The packaging listed the manufacturer as 'M/s Refant Pharma Pvt Ltd, Gandhinagar, Gujarat', which was later found to be a non-existent company. The accused also presented an analysis certificate from

"Evertouch Bio-Remedies, Thrissur" and a GMP certificate from the Kerala Drug Controller. However, both were found to be fake during the investigation.

Links to Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand

Further interrogation of Vijay Chaudhary revealed that the counterfeit medicines were purchased from Robin Taneja and his brother Raman Taneja, residents of Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. Additionally, the Special Task Force (STF) of Uttarakhand raided a factory named "Dwarika Natural Formulations" in Roorkee, Haridwar. The factory, owned by accused Amit Dhiman, was found to be manufacturing fake drugs using industrial equipment and raw materials. Dhiman confessed that the drugs were being produced on the demand orders of Robin Taneja.

Gadchiroli District Mining Authority formed

Gadchiroli 5 June: In a significant move aimed at expediting mining approvals and accelerating development in Maharashtra's mineral-rich Gadchiroli district, the state government issued an ordinance to establish Gadchiroli District Mining Authority.

The 16-member authority will be chaired by chief minister Devendra Fadnis. The ordinance, issued in the absence of the state legislature being in session, will be followed by a formal bill in the monsoon session beginning June 30. The ordinance aims to streamline administrative mechanisms, speed up the operationalisation of approved mining leases, and help transform Gadchiroli into an industrial hub while creating local employment opportunities.

The authority will act as a catalyst for mining operations and enhance revenue of the state.

The step follows the state cabinet's nod on April 1 and Fadnis's announcement in the legislature of making Gadchiroli a "steel city" and "Naxal-free" within three years. As per the Gadchiroli District Mining Authority Ordinance, 2025, the body will coordinate and supervise orderly and rapid development of mineral-bearing zones in the district.

It will also execute development plans, projects, and schemes in the area. The ordinance notes that Gadchiroli is endowed with valuable mineral resources such as iron ore, hematite, magnetite, banded hematite quartzite, limestone, dolomite, and coal — raw materials vital for various industries, especially steel manufacturing.

Procession marks Mahesh Navmi celebrations

the city. Chief officer Kedare has appealed to citizens to take advantage of this initiative and register their problems on WhatsApp number 9307574916. It is hoped that this initiative will further strengthen the communication between the city residents and the administration.

Bahujan Aghadi, Vanchit Bahujan Yuva Aghadi, and Samyak Vidyarthi Andolan were present while submitting the memorandum. They urged the authorities to take strict action and ensure that government schemes reach the intended beneficiaries directly, without the interference of middlemen.

Pusad 5 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): The Mahesh Navami festival was celebrated from June 1 to 4, 2025, with great enthusiasm under the joint organization of the Maheshwari Sangathan and Maheshwari Mahila Mandal of Pusad. The event saw active participation from the entire Rajasthani community in the region. The four-day celebration featured various religious, cultural, and sports activities including Matru-Pitru Poojan, badminton, chess, lagori, dance competitions, singing contests, and a fancy dress show. On June 4, the auspicious day of Mahesh

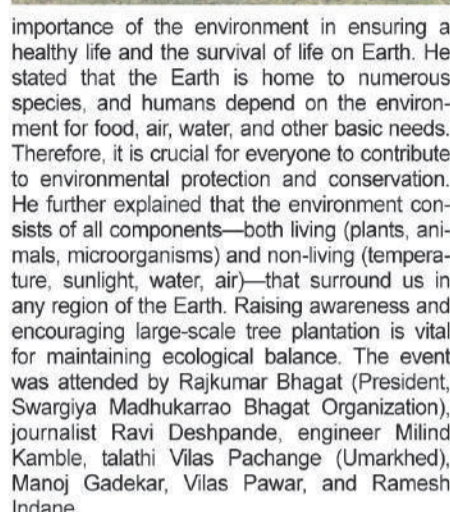
Navami began with worship at the Balaji Temple, followed by a first-ever women-led dhol performance by the community. A grand motorcycle rally was also organized, culminating at Naik Chowk with a special dhol presentation by the women's group. During the cultural evening, a play based on the theme "Shiv Mahima" captivated the audience. Adv. Motising Mohta (former President, Bar Council of Maharashtra) delivered a keynote address on current issues affecting the community. The celebration concluded with prize

distribution to winners of various competitions and the offering of prasad

The event's success was credited to the tireless efforts of the organizing teams, including Vijay Bhagade, Satish Bhandari, Anita Sarda, Aparna Soni, Sunil Indani, Dilip Indani, Vinod Malu, Anand Heda, Saurabh Soni, Kanhaiya Bhandari, Shiva Jaju, Rohit Malpani, Adv. Panpalia, and other committee members.

The Mahesh Navami celebration proved to be a symbol of unity, cultural tradition, and deep religious devotion for the Maheshwari community.

Pusad 5 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): In observance of the World Environment Day, Swargiya Madhukarrao Bhagat Urban and Rural Development Multipurpose Organization, Belora, Taluka Pusad, District Yavatmal, carried out a large-scale tree plantation drive in Anm City, Phase 6, Pusad. World Environment Day is celebrated every year on June 5, aiming to raise awareness about environmental protection, reduce pollution, and conserve natural resources. It reminds humanity of the importance of the environment and its significant impact on our lives. The Earth is our home, nurturing us from birth to death. Nature, in its benevolence, provides everything essential for our physical and mental well-being. However, humans have shown cruelty towards nature by exploiting natural resources. It is now time to turn towards nature and begin its preservation. To raise awareness about biodiversity loss and environmental degradation, World Environment Day is observed annually. It is essential for everyone to remain conscious and proactive about environmental issues. World Environment Day serves as a global platform to spread environmental awareness, with participation from over 143 countries. Various programs and initiatives focused on environmental awareness and action are organized on this day to encourage positive changes that benefit the planet. Speaking on the occasion, the organization's president, Raikumar Bhagat, emphasized the

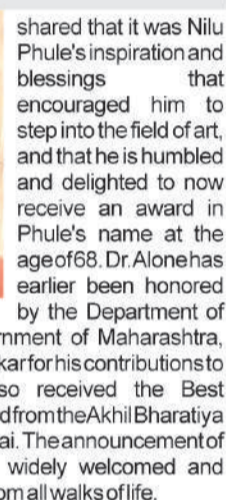


GHATANJI/NAGPUR POST: On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company, 'Electricity Safety Week' was celebrated with enthusiasm in Ghatanji city on Sunday, June 1, 2025.

A safety awareness rally was organized on this occasion. Officers, employees, electrical contractors, security guards and citizens actively participated in the rally. The objective of the Electricity Safety Week is to make electricity-related accidents zero and increase awareness among the people about electricity safety. This week focused on safe behavior, use of proper equipment, and what to do in an emergency. The Run for Safety rally started from Mahavitaran Subdivision Ghatanji through the main roads of the city. The participants in the rally held placards, banners with safety messages in their hands and made the public aware about the safe use of electricity through slogans. The program was led by Shyamsundar Kurra, local deputy executive engineer of the electricity distribution company.

All engineers Gaurav Kanake, Naik, Naitam, Desai, Bhangre and all the employees of the sub-division were present on this occasion.

Wani 5 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): The Natshreshtha Nilu Phule Art Foundation, Akola, has announced that the esteemed retired professor and folk artist Dr. Dilip Alone will be honored with the prestigious Natshreshtha Nilu Phule Kalay Vaibhav Award. He will receive the award at the upcoming Rangabhoomi Mahotsav to be held in Akola, in the presence of eminent dignitaries. The announcement was made by Foundation representatives Ramesh Thorat and Sudhakar Gite on behalf of the award committee members Prof. Shri Dr. Prakash Amte, Dr. Girish G. Makbolle Tamboli, Dr. Baba Adhav, and Khandelwal. Speaking on this occasion, Alone expressed his gratitude, recalling his meeting with legendary actor Nilu Phule in Chandrapur in 1972 during his childhood.

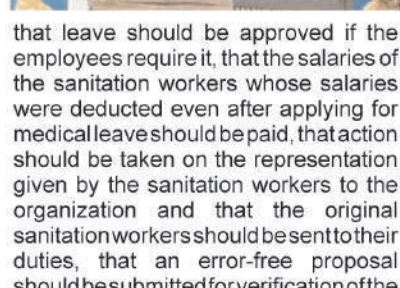


Pandharkawada 5
June: A woman was cheated of 20 lakh by two individuals who promised her daughter a job in the Indian Railways. A case has been registered against both accused. Chhaya Yadav Patil of Balaji Nagar was seeking a job for her daughter when Sheikh Zuber Sheikh Wahab (48) of Borgeo and Anjum Sheikh Zuber (45) of Pandharkawada approached her. They visited her home and assured a railway job for her daughter in return for 220 lakh. Later, they handed over fake documents-call letter, medical certificate, and appointment letter-posing as official Railway papers. The incident happened in the presence of witnesses Anil Kopolwar and Sandeep Kongalwar. After realizing the fraud, Chhaya filed a police complaint.

NER / NAGPUR POST: Recently, Pusad District President Dr. Aarti Fufate announced the appointment of senior BJP activist and former Yavatmal District President Prof. Ajay Dubey to the post of Ner Parasopant Taluka Inspector. Prof. Ajay Dubey called a meeting of current and former office bearers and workers of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Ner on June 1 to share the responsibility entrusted to him by the party and inter-

Mahesh Navami was celebrated with traditional fervour in Malegaon Washim recently. A grand Shobha Yatra procession was taken out by Maheshwari community brethren to mark the occasion.

PUSAD / NAGPUR POST: Various demands of the employees under the municipality have been pending for a long time. Follow-up has been done from time to time through the National Municipal Council Employees Union for the fulfillment of these demands. However, no action has been taken by the administration yet. Due to this, strong satisfaction is being expressed among the employees. Recently, a statement was given to the Chief Officer on behalf of the organization. It has been demanded that the pending demands be immediately accepted and relief be given to the employees. These demands include that the heirs of the sanitation workers should be appointed as per the recommendations of the Lad-Paage Committee formed by the government.



service books of the retired employees, that if there is a delay in verifying the service books of the employees, they should be given retirement allowance, that basic amenities should be provided to the sanitation workers of Rajusing Upakhya Babasaheb Naik Housing Cooperative Society as per the resolution of the municipality in the settlements of the sanitation workers, etc. These demands were discussed at a press conference held by the Nationalist Congress Party Sharad Chandra Pawar on Sunday. Ganesh Dangoria, President of the National Municipal Council Employees Union (PUSAD), gave information about the demands of the employees. He expressed dissatisfaction that these demands are being deliberately kept pending.

Buldhana 5 June: Unknown thieves broke into Hanuman temple at Palsoda village in Sangrampur tehsil on Tuesday night and stole silver ornaments weighing approximately 1.45 kg. The incident came to light on Wednesday morning. As per details, on Tuesday night, the temple was locked, and the culprits broke the lock on the main gate to gain entry. They then looted various silver ornaments adorning the idol of Lord Hanuman. The total value of the stolen items is estimated to be around Rs 1 lakh, raising serious questions about temple security.

दरपत्रक सुचना

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कामाचे नाव :- Providing Furnitures to Rest House at Achalpur, Tq. Achalpur Dist Amravati

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BUSINESS

Happydent "Chamking Gum: Chamka Muskaan, Jagmag Jahaan" brings a fresh cinematic twist to its iconic storytelling

New Delhi 5 June: Happydent, one of India's most beloved chewing gum brands from the house of Perfetti Van Melle India, has launched a striking new ad film that takes a playful yet purposeful turn. The New Campaign "Chamking Gum: Chamka Muskaan, Jagmag Jahaan", rekindles the brand's legendary storytelling with a fresh, cinematic lens—celebrating the magic of a radiant smile and its power to inspire imagination, drawing viewers into a visually rich narrative world. This campaign is conceptualized and written by Praseon Joshi of McCann Worldgroup India and directed by celebrated ad film director Vinil Mathew. It brings back Shantanu Moitra as the music director. The campaign is thoughtfully crafted to resonate with a new generation of consumers who value authenticity, playfulness, and purpose. At the heart of the film is a storyline revolving around a group of performers who, with the help of striking visuals—red paint and bright smiles—highlight the improper conduct of needlessly littering their surroundings. It is a imaginative yet insightful reminder that small acts of brightness can spark larger societal change. Rooted in cultural insights and everyday behavior, the film blends relatability, warmth, and a subtle message to highlight how simple gestures can inspire collective responsibility. With rich, high-impact visuals, the campaign pays homage to Happydent's iconic legacy—including memorable classics like the Palace and Photographer ads while evolving its storytelling for today's world. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Nikhil Sharma, Managing Director, Perfetti Van Melle India, shared "At Perfetti Van Melle India, our goal has always been to build brands that resonate culturally and emotionally while delivering business impact. Happydent perfectly embodies this vision. 'Chamka Muskaan, Jagmag Jahaan' reflects our strategic intent to stay relevant with modern consumers while staying true to the brand's core. Our enduring partnership with McCann Worldgroup continues to deliver creative excellence that is both distinctive and meaningful." Mr. Gunjan Khetan, Marketing Director, Perfetti Van Melle India, added "Happydent has always believed in the power of imaginative storytelling—narratives that don't just entertain, but connect. This campaign celebrates the sparkling smile as a symbol of imagination, expression and meaning. 'Chamka Muskaan, Jagmag Jahaan' isn't just a tagline—it's the spirit of the brand and the times we live in. As we engage with Gen Z and modern audiences, we're proud to create stories that reflect purpose and emotional resonance with visual brilliance."



Waldorf Astoria and Hilton Hotels & Resorts to Open at GMR Aerocity in Partnership with DIAL



New Delhi 5 June: Hilton (NYSE: HLT) today announced the signing of two hotels in partnership with GMR Group-led Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) under its Waldorf Astoria and Hilton Hotels & Resorts brands. The hotels will be located at GMR Aerocity, New Delhi – India's first global business district with world-class hotels, restaurants and premiere future-ready offices at Delhi International Airport. These developments bring Hilton's luxury and full-service brands to the heart of the capital's best-connected hospitality and commercial district. The projects strengthen Hilton's presence in New Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR), an area already home to four Hilton properties. The signing includes the debut of Waldorf Astoria in India's capital, and underscores Hilton's long-term commitment to India's fast-growing luxury market. The hotel will feature 150 rooms and suites, signature dining experiences, large event spaces and indulgent wellness amenities. Guests will also experience Peacock Alley, the iconic gathering space at the heart of every Waldorf Astoria. In addition, the 350-room Hilton at GMR Aerocity will be the first Hilton Hotels & Resorts property in New Delhi, bringing business and leisure travelers new, sophisticated facilities, dining options and social spaces, along with Hilton's globally renowned hospitality. Chris Nassetta, president & CEO, Hilton, said, "The signing of a Waldorf Astoria and Hilton in Delhi Aerocity with our partners at GMR-led DIAL underscores Hilton's long-term commitment to India. As we continue to accelerate our growth in South Asia, these landmark properties and partnerships play a pivotal role in expanding Hilton's portfolio and delivering exceptional, elevated experiences for global travelers. This signing marks a significant step forward in Hilton's growth trajectory in the region and reinforces our role in shaping the future of the Indian hospitality market." Kiran Kumar Grandhi, Corporate Chairman, GMR Group, said, "Partnering with Hilton to bring Waldorf Astoria and Hilton to GMR Aerocity reflects our continued commitment to bring world-class global brands to Aerocity, thereby positioning the facility as a force multiplier for Delhi's tourism and business economy."

Revenue growth of road developers may remain subdued over 12-15 months

Mumbai 5 June: Over the last few years, the government has done the bulk of the heavy lifting when it comes to capital expenditure, spending massively to scale up India's infrastructure, including roads, railways, ports and airports. However, now road developers are set to witness moderation in growth rate as their order book is shrinking, according to ratings agency ICRA. It pointed out that the budgetary outlay towards ministry of roads, transport and highways has remained flatish albeit healthy at Rs 2.72 lakh crore in the Budget estimates for 2025-26. It noted that project awarding in the road segment has slowed down in the last six to eight quarters, as the focus is gradually shifting towards improving the share of private investment through BOT-toll mode. "With road awarding projected to improve only in the second half of FY2026, the revenue growth of road developers is likely to remain subdued over the next 12-15 months, as it takes six to nine months from project awarding to on-ground execution (first billing milestone)," pointed out Ashish Modani, senior vice-president and group head, corporate ratings at ICRA.

EDITORIAL

Coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

On June 6, 1674 the Rajyabhishek (coronation) ceremony of Shivaji Maharaj was performed at Raigad. Shivaji assumed the title of a king in a formal coronation and became the first Chhatrapati of Maratha Empire. The Rise of Chhatrapati Maharaj The period of 17th century was an era of chaos and a general discontent among the Hindu population of the Deccan. People secretly desired for a saviour who could eliminate the injustice and promise them the land to call their own. The liberator finally arose. History names him as Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. A small but efficient council of ministers along with the responsibility of his father's Jagir in Pune, Shivaji began to fulfil his dream of making a land free from injustice and religious intolerance. The first conquest came in 1647 at the age of sixteen. He seized the Torna fort and gradually started annexing the neglected forts of Adilshahi in the vicinity of Pune. For the next couple of decades Shivaji Maharaj successfully tackled the two mightiest dynasties—the Adilshahi in the south and the Mughals in the north. Step by step Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj secured the forts in the Western Ghats and Konkan coast. Rajyabhishek of Shivaji Maharaj The subjects of Shivaji already recognized him as king. But to fulfil his dream of



Hindavi Swarajya, hence earned a broader recognition. Hence the need of coronation arose. The coronation took place on 13th day (trayodashi) of the first fortnight of the month of Jyeshtha, 6th June, 1674 at Raigad Fort. The ceremony was conducted as per the shastras by Vishweshwar or Gaga Bhatta of Varanasi. Gaga Bhatta knew all four Vedas, the six philosophies and all the Hindu scriptures. Several learned men cross checked the Sanskrit texts and Smritis to understand the exact procedure. Many religious ceremonies were performed before the coronation and Shivaji visited major temples. Shivaji sat on the throne adorned with emblems and other such auspicious materials. The priests chanted holy verses. The crowd sang praises; musical instruments were played and military artillery fired salvos simultaneously. Gaga Bhatt advanced and held the golden umbrella over Shivaji's head. He was conferred upon the title of "Kshatriya Kulavantas Chhatrapati Rajase Shivaji". The Rajyabhishek did not end with this. The Coronation ceremony was marked by the beginning of the new Era Known as "Shiv Rajyabhisheka Shaka". The coronation of any king had to be approved by the Mughal Emperor but Shivaji challenged the Mughal authority. In this way, Shivaji was formally declared as the independent King of Maratha Empire. Coins and Stamps Honouring the Event Special Gold Hon Coins were minted and distributed for this joyous occasion. Known as "hon", the coin bears the legend "Shi Raja Shiv" on the obverse and "Chhatra Pati" on the reverse. These coins are sought after by collectors all over the world due to their historical significance and rarity. India post commemorated 300th year of this historic moment with a special stamp of INR 0.25 featuring the famous portrait of the Chhatrapati.

Manoeuvre over attrition

In the swirl of claims and counterclaims after Operation Sindoor, the truth was quietly sidelined. Pakistan trumpeted tales of downed Indian aircraft and heroic resistance. Its military-run media machine — an expert in psychological optics — spun a victory narrative. Then came the grand spectacle: Gen Asim Munir was promoted to Field Marshal. His reward for green-lighting the Pahalgalam attack. Now he shoulders it. But here's the core reality: This was a campaign of manoeuvre, not attrition, aimed squarely at the enemy's will. Pakistan sued for peace before it truly began. Every time its terror gambit faces consequences, Pakistan retreats into spectacle — missiles dodged, jets downed, heroic last stands. These are illusions crafted for a public long held captive by a military-first state. An army with a nation. What happened instead Assaults on Indian territory repulsed to a nick. The joint air defence show was a masterclass calculated, cohesive and coordinated. A message that should be comprehensively etched by those who dream of aerial mischief. Wars are not won by trending hashtags or by giving state funerals to terrorists draped in military honour. They are won when the enemy's core infrastructure is struck when 11 airfields go dark in one precise operation. That's when backchannels flare to life. Not out of strength, but out of the fear of 'what next?' As the CDS observed, there was no nuclear sabre-rattling, no call, no warning.



* No civilian casualties. * No escalation into population centres. * Yet, airfields, logistics hubs and launch pads were struck with precision. Then Pakistan's DGMO reached out not under global pressure, but because India changed the rules. A military doctrine in motion A military truism: No plan survives first contact with the enemy. Op Sindoor was no different. But what followed was more telling. Tactical adjustments were immediate. Operational responses required coordination across commands. Strategic recalibration demanded clarity and speed. Op Sindoor demonstrated all three. From the frontline to airbases to the highest military echelons, each platform and level of command acted with coherence and control. It was professionalism in motion across the full chain of command. An early glitch, observed and corrected, became a turning point. Yet, even as India recalibrated in real time, adversaries rushed to declare victory triumphalism based on partial facts, amplified by platforms that never asked what happened next. Within hours of claiming dominance, Pakistan lost operational use of 11 airfields. Silence replaced bluster. Propaganda gave way to paralysis. Op Sindoor demonstrated what 21st-century military doctrine must aim for: low-cost, high-impact outcomes that pre-empt escalation. The operation became a lesson in calibrated deterrence: timed, targeted and entirely within the thresholds of responsible force. Conflict termination: The Indian model Across the modern battlefield, wars begin easily but rarely end. Vietnam lingered. Iraq fractured. Afghanistan collapsed. Russia-Ukraine drags on. Gaza remains a wound with no closure. Great powers dominate airspace but fail at ending wars. India has done it twice. In 1971, 30,000 entrenched Pakistani soldiers in Dhaka surrendered to 3,000 Indian troops on the move. The ratio was 10:1. In all, Pakistan capitulated in 13 days. Ninety thousand PoWs. It was victory of mind over matter manoeuvre over attrition. Not conquest, but conclusion. Now in 2025, Operation Sindoor executed in 88 hours had a conflict-terminating objective: Dominate the escalatory space. India enforced consequences, then chose restraint. In both cases, India didn't just fight well; it ended well. That is the rarest art in strategy. Why did India control escalation? Because Pakistan's instability is manufactured not accidental.

ENTERTAINMENT

Kumkum Bhagya actor Namik Paul turns the set corners into workout zones

Mumbai 5 June: Zee TV's Kumkum Bhagya continues to win hearts with its gripping plot twists and evolving character arcs. At the center of recent action-packed sequences is Shivansh, played by Namik Paul, who is seen going to great lengths to protect his wife Prarthana (played by Pranali Rathod) by fighting with goons. While audiences are captivated by his on-screen intensity, few know the discipline and effort Namik puts in off-screen to stay in shape and bring authenticity to his physically demanding role. Despite the unpredictable hours and demanding nature of shoots, Namik has made fitness an essential part of his daily life on the sets of Kumkum Bhagya. Known for his strong work ethic and commitment to staying healthy, he finds creative ways to stay active between shots—from quick stretches to bodyweight workouts around the set. He also maintains a balanced diet, often opting for home-cooked meals and hydrating regularly, which helps him stay energized and focused. Namik Paul shared, "For me,



health and fitness have always been non-negotiable. It's never just been about looking a certain way—it's about feeling strong, staying energized, and maintaining control over both my mind and body. On the sets of Kumkum Bhagya, I find small windows between scenes to do a few push-ups, jumping jacks, or just take a walk to keep my blood flowing." He further added, "I make it a point to carry healthy snacks, stay well-hydrated, and be mindful of what I eat throughout the day. That said, I believe in balance, so I do indulge in a cheat meal now and then. It's all about enjoying the little things without compromising the bigger picture. On the days I am not shooting, I go harder in the gym—my workouts are a mix of strength training, muscle conditioning, and cardio. At the end of the day, fitness is not a phase or a checklist item—it's what keeps me grounded, centred,

and ready to give my best." In an industry that demands long hours and emotional intensity, Namik proves that maintaining his health is key to delivering his best, both on-screen and off. As we see on screen persona fight for his wife, will Shivansh and Prarthana's journey lead them to love after all? Stay tuned to Kumkum Bhagya to find out more, every day at 9.00 PM, only on Zee TV! Zee TV's Kumkum Bhagya continues to win hearts with its gripping plot twists and evolving character arcs. At the center of recent action-packed sequences is Shivansh, played by Namik Paul, who is seen going to great lengths to protect his wife Prarthana (played by Pranali Rathod) by fighting with goons. While audiences are captivated by his on-screen intensity, few know the discipline and effort Namik puts in off-screen to stay in shape and bring authenticity to his physically demanding role. Despite the unpredictable hours and demanding nature of shoots, Namik has made fitness an essential part of his daily life on the sets of Kumkum Bhagya.

Sony SAB artists reveal the icons who ignited their love for acting

Mumbai 5 June: Behind every actor is a guiding light that inspired them to dream. For the beloved artists of Sony SAB's show, the journey into acting wasn't just about fame or fortune; it was about following the footsteps of legends who moved them, taught them, and shaped their aspirations. In this heartfelt tribute, Sony SAB actors open up about the iconic figures who influenced their craft and the deep-rooted admiration that still fuels their love for storytelling today. Aditya Redij playing the role of King Krishnadevaraya in Tenali Rama: "Acting found me before I found it. I was always drawn to storytelling—whether on stage or in front of the camera. What cemented my decision was the joy I felt every time I slipped into a new character. Shah Rukh Khan's journey has always inspired me. He came from a non-film background, faced struggles, yet carved a place for himself with sheer talent and hard work. His transition from TV to films was proof that dreams can come true if you stay focused and believe in yourself. Watching him succeed gave hope to many of us who started on similar paths." Karuna Pandey playing the role of Pushpa in Pushpa Impossible, said: "The celebration of World Environment Day is important to raise awareness of the rapidly rising levels of pollution, climate change, and other issues that contribute to damaging the environment and threaten the survival of our planet." She added, "After COVID-19, I feel we are aware of the importance of our environment. The simplest way to protect the Earth and our environment is to reduce, reuse, and recycle. We need to adopt sustainable ways to consume things and follow the three R's to conserve natural resources and landfill space." 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Various events mark World Environment Day celebrations across region

Nagpur/Yavatmal/Wardha 5 June: World Environment Day was celebrated by various organisations across the region. Various activities were organised to mark the occasion. Chiefly among them were:

Sankalp Krida Mandal, Darwha, launches tree plantation drive



On the occasion of World Environment Day, Sankalp Krida Mandal, Darwha, launched a large-scale tree plantation drive with the aim of restoring ecological balance and promoting environmental awareness. The initiative began with the plantation of 11 trees, marking the official start of a mission to plant 100 trees across the Darwha taluka. The campaign was inaugurated by Mr. Vijay Kale, Secretary of Sankalp Krida Mandal, who took a pledge to plant at least 100 trees. In alignment with this goal, the organization has submitted a request to the Forest Department for the provision of 100 saplings of various native species. On the morning of June 5, at 10AM, the first phase of plantation was carried out on the hilly slope near the Water Purification Centre on the outskirts of Darwha town. A total of 11 saplings—of Chikoo, Neem, Bael, Jamun, Peepal, and Banyan—were planted. These saplings were contributed by Mr. Anil Palskar, Mr. Sunil Sarge (former Naib Tehsildar), and Mr. Kailash Pandit. The plantation work was personally undertaken by them, including digging pits on the slope for the saplings. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Shyam Pandey, President of Sankalp Krida Mandal, expressed his commitment to continue the plantation drive. He conveyed his best wishes for the initiative and announced plans to expand the drive further once the monsoon begins. He also appealed to all members of the organization to actively participate in tree plantation efforts across various parts of the taluka. This environmental initiative also received significant support from the staff of the Darwha Municipal Council and international-level athlete Mr. Sutarsen Bhatkar. All members of Sankalp Krida Mandal were present during the event, reaffirming their dedication to environmental conservation.

Nagpur Municipal Corporation



Nagpur Municipal Corporation and a popular media house have jointly erected a sculpture of 'Earth' in the vicinity of Mahesh square, Traffic Park, based on the concept of the threat posed to the earth by plastic. This bottle-shaped sculpture has been made from 'discarded plastic bottles'. This bottle-shaped sculpture shows the citizens the need to be careful of the threat posed to the earth by plastic. On the occasion of World Environment Day celebrations, this sculpture was unveiled by Nagpur Municipal Corporation Commissioner and Administrator Dr. Abhijit Chaudhary. On the occasion, UCN Directors Ashutosh Kane, Jagdish Palia, Ajay Khamankar along with well-known artists Vivek Ranade, Editor-in-Chief Rajesh Singh, Divesh Dwivedi were prominently present. While imparting guidance to the attendees, NMC commissioner and administrator Dr. Abhijit Chaudhary informed about various projects undertaken by the Municipal corporation for environment conservation. He further said that the Municipal Corporation is running environment-friendly e-buses. Also, a large number of trees are being planted across the city. Efforts are underway to process solid waste and make various products from it. The civic chief further said that environmental protection is necessary along with development, and for this purpose, the active participation of citizens is absolutely necessary. NMC commissioner and administrator Dr. Abhijit Chaudhary appealed to the citizens to reduce the use of plastic to free the earth from plastic pollution, segregate waste properly and do not burn waste, and help the Municipal Corporation to keep our city clean, beautiful and green. This sculpture has been created by artist Nikhil Bonde. He was felicitated by civic chief on the occasion. Awareness was disseminated among 15 thousand students of 70 schools regarding the environment. This sculpture has been created by giving the shape of the earth to the plastic bottles collected from the students in collaboration with Solar Industries. The programme's proceedings were conducted by Ankit Agrawal.

CSIR-NEERI, Nagpur

World Environment Day was celebrated at CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-NEERI) at its auditorium on Thursday afternoon. Dr. K Rajeevan, Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Larsen and Toubro Limited, Chennai, were the Chief Guests and addressed the gathering. Dr. S Venkata Mohan, Director, CSIR-NEERI, stated that CSIR-NEERI celebrates World Environment Day every year to promote environmental awareness, encourage sustainable practices, and showcase its scientific contributions towards environmental protection.

The celebration aims to engage stakeholders, students, and the community through meaningful interactions and highlight S and T interventions developed by CSIR-NEERI in the areas of air, water, waste management and eco-restoration.

Central Bureau of Communications, Regional Office, Nagpur



Central Bureau of Communications, Regional Office Nagpur, Nagpur Mahametro, Anviti Foundation, Jankar Mahila Mandal (WCL), SVK Shikshan Sanstha, Ashakiran Bal Gruha and Srujan Lok Vikas Sanstha jointly organised a tree plantation and painting competition on the occasion of World Environment Day. Various types of trees were planted by dignitaries at Khapri Metro Station premises. Also, a painting competition was organised on the occasion of World Environment Day at Zero Mile Metro Station, Sitabuldi, Nagpur in Nagpur. All the children drew pictures about the environment. All the participants who participated in the painting competition held at Zero Mile Metro Station were given water bottles and other materials by the dignitaries. On the occasion, Abha Dwivedi, President of Zhankar Mahila Mandal, Reena Pande said that in order to maintain the balance of the environment, we should start from a small step. Abha Dwivedi said that ideally every day is Environment Day. On the occasion, school children were also taken on a metro ride from Zero Mile Metro Station to Khapri Metro Station. On the occasion, dignitaries provided information and imparted guidance on environmental awareness. The programme was attended by office bearers of various social organisations, including Shefali Dudhade, Founder and Secretary of Anviti Foundation, Abha Dwivedi, Reena Pande, Zhankar Mahila Mandal (WCL). On the occasion of World Environment Day, a programme was presented on the topic of environmental awareness by Rangdhun Kala Manch Nagpur at Nagpur Bus Stand. The entire programme was conducted by Sanjay Tiwari, Technical Assistant of Central Communications Bureau. Founders and members of various organisations were present on the occasion.

Awareness on environment conservation disseminated at Samvidhan square, Nagpur



On Thursday, on the occasion of World Environment Day, a special public awareness programme was organised by the IEC team of Nagpur Municipal Corporation at Samvidhan square traffic signal. During this period, the team used various effective media to make citizens aware of the ill effects of plastic pollution, which included:

- * Sloganeering by holding placards containing messages
 - * Exhibiting food samples contaminated with plastic
 - * A glimpse of aquatic life affected by plastic pollution
 - * A costume symbolically depicting a polluted earth
- Through this creative presentation, a message was conveyed to the citizens that excessive use of plastic can prove to be very harmful from the point of view of our environment, health and biodiversity. The objective of the programme was to motivate the citizens to become active participants in building a plastic-free, green and clean Nagpur.

Central Bureau of Communications, Field Office, Wardha



Shivaji Chaudhary, President of Asmant Snehalaya, asserted that every person should plant a tree to maintain the balance of nature. On the occasion of World Environment Day, a World Environment Day programme was organised in the premises of Asmant Snehalaya and Aarambh Bahuddeshiya Sanstha in Sindi Meghe in collaboration with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Central Communications Bureau, Government of India, Regional Office, Wardha and Asmant Snehalaya Aarambh Bahuddeshiya Sanstha, Wardha. He was speaking on the occasion. Principal of National Social School Kishor Umathe, Assistant of Asmant Snehalaya Nikhil Bute, Office Assistant of Central Communications Bureau, Regional Office, Wardha Shubham Limbare were prominently present on the occasion. Principal Umathe said that the role of

trees is very important for the sake of protection of nature, protection of the environment is human protection, therefore, he appealed to every person to understand his/her responsibility and plant at least one tree. On the occasion, other dignitaries expressed their views. Tree plantation was carried out by the dignitaries. A Wednesday and rangoli competition was organised on Wednesday in order to create awareness about the environment. In the programme, the winners of the painting and rangoli competition were felicitated by dignitaries with prizes and certificates. In the programme, Sameer Dandare and his team presented the art troupe through Rangdhun Kala Manch, Nagpur. The introductory speech was given by Principal Kishor Umathe. Priya Moreshwar Rao Nistane conducted the proceedings of the programme, while the Shubham Avinash Limbare proposed the vote of thanks.

- The names of the prize winners are as follows:
- Painting Competition**
- * First Prize - Pranali Kishore Joge
 - * Second Prize - Manthan Chichote
 - * Third Prize - Deepika Varade
- Consolation Prize - Shradha Ravindra Sakharikar**
- Essay Competition**
- * First Prize - Divyanni Vasudev Virulkar
 - * Second Prize - Deepika Varade
 - * Third Prize - Bhakti Dhanraj Lende
 - * Consolation Prize - Pranali Kishore Joge

South East Central Railway, Nagpur Division



South East Central Railway Nagpur Division, under the leadership of Deepak Kumar Gupta, Divisional Railway Manager, organised a special awareness programme at Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Itwari Railway Station recently to commemorate World Environment Day. Under this year's theme 'Reduce Plastic Pollution', passengers and station staff were made aware of the ill effects of plastic and were motivated to adopt its alternatives. During the programme, the officials and personnel of the division propagated the message to the passengers at Itwari station to avoid single-use plastic and become citizens who are responsible towards the environment. Awareness was spread through posters, banners, and announcements in the station premises. Along with this, the role of railways in environmental protection was also highlighted. On the occasion, railway personnel, passengers, and local citizens together participated in this campaign and took a pledge that they will reduce the use of plastic in their daily lives. Dilip Singh Senior Divisional Commercial Manager said that Nagpur Division is committed to its continuous efforts to protect the environment and will continue such public awareness campaigns in future as well.

Nagpur Metro Rail Project (Reach 2 A)



World Environment Day was celebrated at Nagpur Metro Project (Reach 2 A) with various eco-friendly activities and social initiatives. The dignitaries reiterated their commitment that together, we should strive towards building a cleaner, greener future, where every step of progress goes hand in hand with environment conservation initiatives. The dignitaries planted saplings to mark the occasion. Harindar Singh Bathyal and other officials and employees were present on the occasion.

JN Tata Parsi Girls' High School, Nagpur



On the occasion of World Environment Day, NCC cadets and enthusiastic students of JN Tata Parsi Girls' High School, Nagpur came together to plant saplings and add more greenery to the institution's beautiful campus. The dignitaries said that each sapling is a step towards a sustainable future and offers promise for a better tomorrow and that they felt proud of these young guardians of nature.

They hoped that the students would continue to grow, not just trees but in terms of responsibility execution, spreading awareness and taking actions from the point of view of environment conservation. Several teaching and non teaching staff rendered assistance to the students for the successful organisation of the sapling plantation drive.

Saint Xavier's High School, Nagpur



World Environment Day was celebrated at Saint Xavier's High School, Hiwari Nagar, Nagpur virtually on Thursday. Students were explained about the importance of the environment and how to keep our environment healthy by planting more trees and also to spread awareness about the environment and the need to conserve it. Activity of newspaper bag making was conducted to make the students responsible and make them aware as to how to keep our environment green and healthy. Students took an oath to conserve the environment on the auspicious day. Principal, members of the management and several teaching and non teaching staff, besides students participated in the observance.

Central India Group of Institutions



Central India Group of Institutions Nagpur, celebrated World Environment Day at its Lonara campus. The chief guest of the program was Sana Malik Sheikh, MLA Mumbai. The event was presided over by Dr. Anees Ahmed, former Cabinet Minister of Maharashtra. The program began with a tree plantation ceremony, emphasizing the importance of protecting natural resources. Students created posters on themes such as "Save Earth," "Save Environment," and "Save Water," and delivered awareness messages about pollution and environmental conservation. MLA Sana Malik Sheikh highlighted that the aim of the program was to instill awareness among students about the significance of resource conservation in protecting the planet. She emphasized that a small group of thoughtful, committed, and responsible citizens can indeed change the world. She said world environment day encourages people to plant more trees, recycle waste, and minimise the use of plastic. She urged the audience to take a pledge to protect our planet and secure a healthier Earth for future generations. Dr. Anees Ahmed stressed the need for the current generation to adopt environmentally friendly habits for a sustainable lifestyle. He urged everyone to commit to preserving natural resources, animals, and trees, emphasizing that World Environment Day, celebrated annually on June 5th, recognizes the critical role a healthy environment plays in ensuring a stable and healthy society. The event saw the participation of several distinguished guests, including Dr. S.M. Rajan, Director of Central India Law College, Dr. Sumati Dewdhar Principal of Nursing College Dr. S.S. Gulab, Principal of Central India College of Pharmacy, Mr. Madan Kumar Kadve, Principal of Central India Institute of Pharmacy, Godhani, Mrs. Arfa S. Ahmed, Principal of Abdul Majeed Central Education Society Institute of Pharmacy, Dr. Swati S. Raut, Principal - Central India College of Education, Dr. Yasmin Siddiqui, Principal - Central India Adhyapak Vidhyalaya, Dr. Seema Chikhale Principal Central India Women's college of education, Mr. Sanjay Ahir, Head MBA college, Mrs. Rabiya Khan, principal of Central India Junior College. Mrs. Victoria Simon principal of Indian Public School Mr. Tushar Meshram, Director of the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Teaching and non-teaching staff, students of all departments Central India Group of Institutions were prominently present in the Program. The program was compared by Dr. Yasmin Siddiqui and Vote of Thanks proposed by Dr. Swati Raut.

Pride Hotel, Nagpur



Pride Hotel Nagpur celebrated World Environment Day with a tree plantation drive led by Atul Upadhyay, Executive Vice President and Prantik Ray, General manager Nagpur unit- Pride Group of Hotels. The initiative highlighted the organisation's commitment to environment conservation, sustainability and a greener future. Several officials and employees were present on the occasion.

Arbitrary fare hike by private travel companies exploiting passengers travelling to Pune

Umarkhed 5 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): Private travel companies operating luxury bus services from Umarkhed to Pune are taking undue advantage of the summer vacation season, festive periods, and the surge in passenger numbers by imposing steep and arbitrary fare hikes. Prominent operators like Bharuka Travels, Khurana Travels, Maharashtra Travels, and Samarth Travels run daily evening buses from Umarkhed to Pune. The fare for a 12-hour journey in air-conditioned buses now ranges between Rs 1300 and Rs 1600, while non-AC buses cost merely Rs 100 less.

Common Citizens Bear the Brunt of Increased Fares

Daily commuters, including those traveling for work, education, medical needs, or family obligations, are suffering financially due to this exploitative pricing. Interestingly, the return journey from Pune costs ₹300 to ₹400 less, highlighting the

inconsistent and opportunistic pricing for the same route by these companies.

Festive Seasons Worsen the Exploitation

During major festivals such as Dussehra, Diwali, Ganesh Chaturthi, and Mahalaxmi Puja, the situation worsens, with ticket prices soaring to Rs 2500-Rs 3000. These hikes are imposed without adherence to any government regulations and are solely based on the principle of high demand and limited availability, constituting clear financial exploitation of passengers.

Inconsistencies in Fare from Nearby Cities

Despite similar distances and travel conditions, fares from Umarkhed and neighboring Pusad to Pune differ by as much as Rs 400. This further indicates a complete lack of standard fare regulation and pricing norms in the sector.

Transport Department Turns a Blind Eye

The transport department's inaction on this issue



is deeply concerning. There is neither any effort to regulate fare hikes nor to inspect the quality and safety standards of these buses. As a result, passenger discontent is growing. Citizens are strongly urging the government to introduce a standard fare cap to protect passenger interests.

Demands put forth by passengers

■ Establish a regulatory mechanism to monitor travel fares.

■ Enforce guidelines for private travel companies.

■ Conduct regular inspections by the transport department regarding fare practices.

Provide a dedicated complaint platform for passengers

"We need to reach Pune on time, but we are forced to return just hearing the fare," said an angry student. There is a growing call for authorities to intervene immediately to stop this unjust exploitation; otherwise, the situation may escalate further, turning into a more serious issue of passenger exploitation.

Postal Adalat in Amravati on June 9

Amravati 5 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): The Department of Posts will organize a Postal Adalat on June 9, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the Office of the Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Amravati Division. Complaints related to postal services—particularly speed post, counter services, registered parcels, savings bank, and money orders—which have not been resolved within six weeks or have received unsatisfactory responses will be considered during this adalat. Applicants are requested to submit their complaints to the Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Amravati Division, Amravati-444602.

The application must include complete details of the complaint, the date of submission, and the name and designation of the officer to whom the original complaint was addressed. All submissions should reach before 11:00 AM on June 9.

Postal Adalat to be held on June 10 in Akola

Akola 5 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): Postal service complaints that remain unresolved for over six weeks can now be addressed in a Postal Adalat scheduled on June 10 at 11:00 AM at the Department of Posts' Divisional Office, Civil Lines, Akola. Complaints related to mail services, speed post, parcels, savings bank, and money orders should be sent before June 9 to the Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Civil Lines, Akola. Applicants must include the original copy of the complaint along with a fresh application. Only one complaint per application will be entertained.

Pregnant woman's unborn baby dies after knife attack by partner

Amravati 5 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): In a shocking incident on May 11, a woman who was six months pregnant was brutally attacked with a knife by her live-in partner Rahul, under the pretense of inviting her for lunch. Initially admitted to Irwin Hospital, the woman was later referred to Nagpur due to her critical condition.

Tragically, the unborn child did not survive the trauma. Rahul and the victim, Pooja, were in a live-in relationship. Following frequent arguments, Pooja had started living separately. On May 11, Rahul invited

her for a meal, and after lunch, he suddenly attacked her with a knife, causing serious injuries to her abdomen and back. Bystanders immediately rushed her to the hospital. Rahul, who had been previously married, was arrested along with an accomplice. Police have registered serious charges against him.

"The unborn child of the woman attacked with a knife has died. We are awaiting the report from Nagpur hospital. Additional charges will be added against the accused, said Nilesh Kare, Police Inspector, Fraserpura.

Awareness rally, tree plantation and seed ball workshop held on World Environment Day

Dhamangaon Railway 5 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Dhamangaon Railway Municipal Council organized a grand awareness rally, a tree plantation drive, and a seed ball preparation workshop. The entire programme was successfully conducted under the inspiring leadership of Municipal Council Chief Officer Punam Kalambe. The rally, which commenced in the morning from the Municipal Council office, spread messages on plastic ban awareness, "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam," and the "Majhi Vasundhara Abhiyan." The rally saw enthusiastic participation from Municipal Council staff, members of women's self-help groups, and local citizens.

Following the rally, a tree plantation drive was held wherein various types of saplings were planted, promoting the message of environmental conservation. A seed ball-making workshop organized as part of the programme also received a positive response.

A total of 500 seed balls were prepared during the workshop, which will be used for future plantation drives in various locations. To further the cause of environmental conservation, Gondik Sir was appointed as the "Environment Ambassador" of the Municipal Council. The initiative was a great success due to the efficient planning and dedicated efforts of Chief Officer Punam Kalambe. Under her guidance,



Municipal Council officials, employees, and various social organizations came together to implement eco-friendly activities.

This marked a significant step toward environmental preservation in Dhamangaon Railway city. Due to the efforts

of Chief Officer Kalambe, a strong sense of environmental awareness has been instilled among the citizens. It is being widely believed that such initiatives will help Dhamangaon Railway emerge as a "Green City" in the near future.

District administration gives enthusiastic response to Guardian Minister's call for tree plantation

Amravati 5 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): On the occasion of the 300th birth anniversary of Rajmata Ahilyadevi Holkar, Guardian Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule appealed to citizens across the district to plant a tree in their mother's name in front of their homes. In response to this appeal, the district administration has launched the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative with great enthusiasm.

Commemorating World Environment Day, District Collector Ashish Yerekar planted a Peepal sapling in his mother's name under the initiative within the premises of the District Collector's Office. Additional Collector Govind Dane, Resident Deputy Collector Anil Bhatkar, Sub-Divisional Officers Dnyaneshwar Ghyar and Vivek Jadhav, and Guardian Minister's Private Assistant Vipin Pise, along with several other officers and staff, were present at the occasion.

The 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative encourages participation from local NGOs, students, government officers,



and employees from all departments. Acting on the instructions of Guardian Minister Bawankule, the district administration has committed to implementing the campaign across Amravati to maintain environmental balance amid industrial development. Speaking on the occasion, District Collector Yerekar urged citizens to fulfill

their social responsibility by planting at least one sapling in their home premises. He also encouraged all government officers and employees to actively participate in this plantation drive. A special tree plantation drive will be carried out by the Collector's Office until August 15. Regular reviews will be conducted to monitor progress.

Emphasizing the importance of environmental conservation, Collector Yerekar stated that everyone should voluntarily take part in this initiative so that future generations inherit a balanced and healthy planet. Tehsildars, Sub-Divisional Officers, and staff members of the District Collector's Office were also present at the event.

Nayan Bokade honoured with 'Best Female Dancer' award



Amravati 5 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): Amravati, known as the cultural capital of Vidarbha, has once again earned pride and recognition through its talented daughter. Nayan Jyoti Mukund Bokade, a gifted dancer from the city, has brought glory to Amravati by winning the prestigious Best Female Dancer award at the recently held All India National Dance Competition in Nagpur. Nayan Bokade has been receiving professional training in dance under the guidance of Kiran Bele at the Mayur Dance Academy. She has captured the hearts of audiences at various national and state-level competitions with her captivating performances. She has carved a unique identity in dance styles such as Lavani, folk dance, cinematic dance, western dance forms, and the increasingly popular belly dance. Having stepped onto the stage at the tender age of just three, Nayan's journey in dance has been deeply supported by her mother, Jyoti Mukund Bokade, whose unwavering encouragement has played a vital role in her success. Nayan has previously earned several accolades including Amravati Idol 2017, Vidarbha Dancing Icon, Miss Glamour Queen, Miss Princess of Vidarbha, and the All India

Cultural Olympiad 2025. At the National Dance Festival 2025, organized by the Ministry of Culture and VAB Shreehariketan, Nagpur, Nayan impressed the judges and audience alike with her exceptional performance in the belly dance category. She was conferred with two prestigious titles — 'Best Performance Merit Winner' and 'Best Female Dancer'. The awards were presented to her by renowned television actress Roma Arora, famous for her role in Kumkum Bhagya. Beyond her accomplishments in dance, Nayan is also an M.Com graduate and currently works in the stock market sector. She has also made her mark in anchoring, modeling, and advertising.

Through her work, she has demonstrated that dance is not merely an art form but also a means of stress relief, healthy living, flexibility, personality development, and a promising career path. Currently, Nayan Bokade is preparing for upcoming national and international dance competitions. Her recent achievements have led to an outpouring of congratulatory messages from across Amravati. The way she has preserved and promoted dance culture has made her a source of pride for all.

Rajapeth cops crack house burglary case Duo arrested, stolen material recovered



Amravati 5 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): Rajapeth Police have successfully solved a house burglary case by arresting two suspects and recovering stolen property worth Rs 1.7 lakh. According to the complaint lodged by Vinayak Murthy Palaniswami, a native of Tamil Nadu currently residing at Navathe Galli No. 01, Amravati, he had locked his rented house and left for his hometown on May 15, 2025. Upon returning on May 31, 2025, he found the rear door lock broken. An inspection of the house revealed that cash amounting to Rs 1,44,000 and two laptops worth Rs 35,000 each were missing, totaling a loss of Rs 2,12,000. A case was registered at Rajapeth Police Station under IPC Sections 331(3), 305(A), and 61(2) as Crime No. 264/2025. During the investigation, CCTV footage from the crime scene and information from

confidential informants led police to suspect a resident of Chuchale village in Chopda Taluka, Jalgaon District. Under the direction of API Punit Kulat, the detection branch team visited the village and, after intensive efforts, apprehended the suspects:

1. Vitthal Bhalchandra Patil, aged 41 years, resident of Chuchale village, Chopda Taluka, Jalgaon

2. Raj Lingam Pitchaimuthu, aged 21 years, resident of Adarsh Nagar, Chopda, Jalgaon.

From the arrested individuals, police recovered two stolen laptops (Rs 35,000 each), a Pulsar motorcycle (MH-01-VK-1501) valued at Rs 80,000 used in the crime, and two mobile phones worth Rs 10,000 each—totaling Rs 1,70,000 in seized property. The operation was carried out under the guidance of Arvind Chawariya, Police Commissioner, Amravati

City; Ganesh Shinde, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Zone 2; and Jaydatt Bhavare, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Amravati. The police team included API Punit Kulat, PI Milind Hivare, PSI Manish Karpe, and police personnel Pankaj Khate, Ravi Likhitkar, Ganraj Raut, Vijay Raut, Sagar Bhagaware, Arjun Kadam, Pankaj Gathe, and cyber police officers Nikhil Mahure and Aniket Wankhade.

Ahilyadevi Holkar's 300th birth anniversary celebrated with Kirtan in Bori Khurd

Pusad 5 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): The 300th birth anniversary of Rajmata Ahilyadevi Holkar was celebrated with great enthusiasm through a spiritual keertan at the Dudhadhari Maharaj Temple in Bori (Khurd). The event was organized by the Rashtrasevika Samiti. In a captivating keertan, Janhavi Tai Dagawkar, District Intellectual Head of the Rashtrasevika Samiti, narrated the life of Ahilyadevi Holkar, highlighting her exemplary administrative skills and inspiring personality. Musical accompaniment was provided by Viju Maharaj Belkhe (harmonium), Midangacharya Deepakrao Gadge (mridang), Shankar Taylor and Sudam Agoshe (tabla), and Kailas Sakhare

and Soham Surose (taal). Distinguished guests included Mangalatai Deshpande (Regional Office Head, Yavatmal), Vrudatai Deshmukh (Vidarbha Co-Intellectual Head), Arti Dimkar (City Organizer), and representatives from Pusad Branch—Sonali Pratapwar, Laxmi Pratapwar, Durga Kshirsagar, Mona Ramavat, Sonali Argulwar, Navat Tundalwar. The introductory address was delivered by Vrudatai Deshmukh, and the vote of thanks and event coordination were done by Vandana Pramod Raipurkar. Contributors to the success of the event included Santosh Mukhre, Vinayak Bompilwar, Dr. Madhukar Belkhe, Babu Chilkar, Darshan Modak, Dhanashree Kshirsagar, and Gayatri Mahindre.

Anand Shirmewar appointed Vidarbha President of All India Consumer Upliftment Association

Pusad 5 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Anand Shirmewar, a skilled organizer from Pusad, has been appointed Vidarbha President of the All India Consumer Upliftment Association, which is recognized by the Government of India. The association's headquarters is located in Zinjhari, Katni. Shirmewar's appointment was made on the recommendation of the Maharashtra State President and confirmed by National President Harishankar Shulla. The association focuses on creating consumer awareness and addressing consumer issues. It is expected that Shirmewar's leadership will strengthen the movement across the Vidarbha region. Official appointment letters have been sent to secretaries of various government departments, district collectors, and district police superintendents. Shirmewar expressed confidence that the consumer movement in Vidarbha will now gain greater momentum.

Admission process begins at Govt School for hearing impaired students

Akola 5 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): The admission process for students from Class 1 to Class 7 at the Government School for the Hearing-Impaired in the Malkapur area of Akola is currently underway and will continue until July 31. Eligible students must be hearing-impaired and possess a disability certificate indicating over 40% disability issued by the District Civil Surgeon. The

age requirement is between 6 and 16 years, and the student must be a resident of Maharashtra.

Applicants must not have more than one disability. Admission is free, and the school will provide free lodging, food, bedding, clothing, and school information. Interested parents or guardians may contact 9028395441 or 9850779260.

Infrastructure woes proving to be a cause of concern in Ward 10, Pusad

Pusad 5 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Ward No. 10 of the Pusad Municipal Council is facing serious infrastructural problems, with residents expressing strong dissatisfaction. Key roads, including those from Shivraj Park to Deshmukhnagar via Sevalal Chowk, are in a dilapidated condition, with large potholes, poor drainage, and stagnant water causing frequent accidents. Residents have submitted a memorandum to Sub-Divisional Officer Ashish Bijwal and Chief Officer Abhijit Vaikos, demanding that roads and drainage systems be repaired before the monsoon. The memorandum states that although residents in Shivraj Park-2, Sevalal Chowk, and Deshmukhnagar pay 100% of their property taxes annually, they receive no civic amenities in return. The main DP road has not been repaired or resurfaced for over two years, and many drainage lines are either clogged or nonexistent, leading to foul odors and water accumulation.

The heavy traffic on the DP road, especially from Shivraj Park 2 to Deshmukhnagar, has worsened the situation, increasing the risk of accidents. Despite paying all municipal taxes, residents are deprived of basic civic facilities, causing mounting frustration. The residents demand immediate graveling and asphalt of the DP road, regular cleaning of existing drains, and construction of new drains in Shivraj Park 2. They have warned the municipal administration of potential protests if the work is not completed before the monsoon. Signatories of the memorandum include Kondbarao Babarao Patil, Umakant Munjaji Waghmare, Shriram Haribhauji Mahure, Vikram Bhagwanrao Thakre, Mahesh Madhavdas Bajaj, Ganesh Omprakash Bajaj, Gopal Laxminarayan Sharma, Pankaj Kailas Sharma, Ravibhau Kabra, Deepak Parihar, and others.

Meeting on free sand distribution held at tehsil office

Beneficiaries to receive one brass of free sand

Darwha 5 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): A meeting regarding the free sand distribution initiative was held on Monday, June 2, 2025, at the Tehsil Office under the chairmanship of Tehsildar Ravi Kale. The meeting focused on implementing the government's decision to distribute free sand to underprivileged and needy housing scheme beneficiaries in rural areas of the taluka. As per the government resolution dated April 8, 2025, under the 2025 Sand Release Policy, eligible beneficiaries under the housing scheme will be provided with up to one brass (approx. 100 cubic feet) of sand free of cost.

The sand will be distributed from designated sand ghats located near respective villages through the Darwha Revenue Department. A total of 4,261 beneficiaries have been identified, and a demand for 21,000 brass of sand has been registered. However, due to limited availability—only 2,055 brass with the revenue department—it has been decided to allot one brass of free sand to each beneficiary. This initiative, though modest, will bring some relief to economically weaker sections by supporting their home construction efforts. Even one brass of sand provided free of cost will contribute towards making their long-cherished dream of owning a home come true. The scheme is expected to ensure effective implementation of the government's welfare policies and deliver direct assistance to the deserving. The public's faith in the administration is likely to be strengthened due to this citizen-centric initiative by the revenue department. The meeting was attended by revenue officers, including talathis and gram sevaks from across the taluka.

Domestic workers launch postcard campaign urging PM to implement SC order

Nagpur 5 June: In a determined effort to press for long-overdue legal protections, domestic workers in Maharashtra have launched a postcard campaign addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Spearheaded by the Kamgar Ekta Union—Nagpur and the Maharashtra Rajya Gharelu Kaamgaar Samanvy Samiti, the campaign began in Gurgaon, Nagpur, with workers hand-writing appeals demanding swift action from the central government. The campaign calls for the immediate implementation of the Supreme Court's directive issued on January 29, 2025, in which the court ordered the



central government to draft a national legislation for domestic workers and set up a dedicated committee within six months. So far, workers allege, there has been no movement on the ground. One of the postcards, written by a domestic worker, reads: "I am a domestic worker. My labor allows millions of

women to step out and earn, yet I have no legal identity as a worker—no rights, no social security. The Supreme Court acknowledged this injustice in its verdict in Criminal Case No. 8777/2022. But your government has not acted. I urge you to ensure this order is implemented so we may live with dignity and protection."

The campaign seeks to shed light on the systemic invisibility faced by domestic workers—many of whom are women—despite their central role in urban households and local economies. Speaking about the campaign, Kiran Thakre, a representative from Kamgar Ekta Union, stated: "This is not just a protest—

this is a demand for justice. The Supreme Court stood with us. Now we're calling on the Prime Minister to do the same." The movement is rapidly gaining momentum, with similar postcard drives being planned in other districts of Maharashtra. Organizers of postcards have already been mailed, with more expected in the coming days. The unions have appealed to civil society groups, workers' associations, and concerned citizens to support their call for a national law that guarantees legal status, social security, and protections for millions of domestic workers across India.

Nagpur set to enter smart surveillance era, Now it's the police's move

Nagpur 5 June: Nagpur is on the brink of a surveillance revolution. The Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has given full green light to BSNL's ambitious Crime Search Project, a high-tech, AI-driven, real-time crime monitoring system. But here's the catch—implementation now hangs in the hands of the city police. At a high-level meeting chaired by Additional Commissioner Vaishnavi B, NMC, BSNL, and Smart City officials locked in total infrastructure readiness. "We are 100% prepared. Everything is in place. This project is going to redefine how Nagpur tackles crime," Vaishnavi told reports. The system—already successful in Pune and Nashik—will integrate hundreds of CCTV cameras, AI tools for facial recognition, predictive policing, and real-time alerts, all connected via BSNL's secure, high-speed fiber-optic network. It



promises 40% faster police response, instant offender identification, traffic violation tracking, and even GPS-linked police vehicles. Three control centers—NMC HQ, Police HQ, and the Smart City ICC—already are ready to roll. But police need to act. Their decision will flip the switch on this game-changing network. The Crime Search Project isn't just CCTV—it's a full-scale crime-fighting ecosystem with 99.99%

uptime, military-grade encryption, 180-day cloud video storage, and multi-language alert systems. Drone and bodycam integration will further boost real-time situational awareness. If the police delay, the city risks stalling a system that could protect over 25 lakh citizens and set a national benchmark in smart policing. Nagpur is ready. Now it's time for the cops to step up.

Civic body's apathy stalls handover of 450 regularised layouts, citizens left in the lurch

Nagpur 5 June: Over 450 unauthorized layouts in South and West Nagpur have been regularized and fully developed by the Nagpur Improvement Trust (NIT), with basic amenities like roads, drainage, water pipelines, and streetlights already in place. Yet, shockingly, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has failed to take charge of their maintenance—leaving residents in uncertainty and neglect. Despite NIT completing its part, including the handover of a list of 127 layouts, NMC has only lazily initiated a partial survey in the southern region. The civic body's blatant indifference raises serious questions: Why hasn't NMC acted promptly to take over the developed layouts? Why are citizens still being forced to live in areas where infrastructure risks deteriorating due to administrative apathy? The entire transfer

Comedian Ravi to perform solo show 'Utopia' tomorrow

Nagpur 5 June: Stand-up comedian Ravi will perform his first solo comedy special Utopia at The Comedy Remedy Club in Nagpur on Saturday, June 7, 2025. The show will start at 7:00 PM and will run for 1 hour and 30 minutes. It is open to audiences aged 18 and above.

Utopia is a mix of personal stories and sharp humour, where Ravi talks about growing up Dalit and around Mumbai. The show, performed in both Hindi and English, explores topics like caste, class, love, sex, and feminism in a funny and honest way. Through jokes and real-life moments, Ravi shares his unique view of the world—a colourful and thoughtful "Utopia" seen through his eyes.

COMMENDABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT...



Manewada Urban Primary Health Centre run by Nagpur Municipal Corporation's health department has performed satisfactorily under the NQAS assessment and 89.95 percent marks has been achieved by the healthcare facility. Civic chief Dr Abhijeet Chaudhary and Additional Commissioner Vasumana Pant congratulated the staff in the aftermath of the accomplishment.

Enthusiastic response to bicycle rally

Nagpur 5 June: As many as 250 cyclists completed the rally in a very disciplined manner by following the traffic rules. The objective of rally was also to create awareness about the conservation of nature it can be achieved only when more and more people understand its importance as its essential for maintaining the health and diversity of our planet's ecosystems. Vijay Ghichare, who participated in the rally, covered 4500 km from Nagpur to Leh-Ladakh, 3800 km from Nagpur to Nepal and 6500 km from

Nagpur to Bhutan. Nitesh Dahake traveled from Nagpur to Leh, Ladakh, Kashmir, Kargil and back to Nagpur. Ishwar Deshmukh, Senior Faculty, Physical Education Department, Indian School, Oman, who hails from Orange city participated in the rally and was felicitated on this occasion. On 20th November 2024, he set a record by becoming the first expatriate in Salaiah to complete a 54 km wellness walk with an impressive timing of 8.08.09s to commemorate the 54th

Oman National Day. Vivek Bhapkar, Chhanna Waghmare, Nitesh Bhoyar, Manoj Gawande, Manish Chandeka and others participated in the rally. Sharayu Taywade, Dr. Shaunak Taywade, Sanjay Dhote, Manager, Taywade Multi Specialty Hospital, distributed food and cold drinks to the participants. Prashant Kapse, Anand Shahu, Dinesh Gaur, Shobha Kene, Sarla Raut, Lokesh Chole, Pramod Shinde worked hard for the success of the rally.

GH Raisoni Chess Festival from June 8

Nagpur 5 June: This is the 18th edition having total prize money of Rs. 4,51,000 is sponsored by Raisoni Group. The winners of the Classical event will be richer by Rs. 51,000. The participants of the Chess Festival get a chance to earn FIDE Rating in all three formats of Chess. The Classical event which will commence has already attracted 220 players from all over India which include International Master Kaustav Kundu and International Master Anshu Upadhyaya, FIDE Master Arun Kataria and FIDE Master Kumar Gaurav and FIDE Master Siddhant Gawai. Apart from cash prizes to top 15 finishers, prizes shall also be distributed to best veteran category, best Nagpur, best female above 18 and best unrated players. Attractive trophies shall be given to the top finishers in Under-7, 9, 11, 13, 15. The Classical event will conclude on June 13 followed by rapid & blitz events on June 14 and 15. An organizing committee includes former MLC Girish Vyas, organising secretary Bhushan Shrivastava, SS Soman, Prayas Ambade, Sagar Sakhare, Amit Tembhurne.

Skate Blitz 2025 held at DPS MIHAN, 400 Budding skaters participate in event



Nagpur 5 June: Delhi Public School, MIHAN recently hosted the Skate Blitz 2025 – Speed Skating Championship at the NIT Skating Rink. The event was approved by the Nagpur District Roller Skating Association (NDRSA) and saw an enthusiastic participation of around 400 students from various age groups, competing across four different categories. The Skate Blitz 2025 – Speed Skating Championship was graced by the esteemed presence of Shiv Chhatrapati Award recipient Kasturi

Tamhankar, a celebrated skater who has brought great pride to the nation. Joining her as Guests of Honour were Upendra Verma, Secretary of the Nagpur District Roller Skating Association, and Aditi Dhande, another proud recipient of the prestigious Shiv Chhatrapati Award. The championship not only served as a platform for healthy competition but also inspired participants to build resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship. In her motivating address, Kasturi Tamhankar congratulated

all the winners and encouraged every participant to keep striving for excellence.

Nidhi Yadav, Principal of DPS MIHAN, congratulated all the skaters for their enthusiastic participation and extended heartfelt thanks to the Nagpur District Roller Skating Association for their valuable support in organizing the event. She also appreciated Abhishek Bhusari, HOD of Sports, along with the entire sports department, for the smooth and successful execution of the championship.

Nagpur begins traffic island redesign to improve road safety and ease congestion

Nagpur 5 June: In a strategic move to improve urban mobility and pedestrian safety, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has initiated a comprehensive project to redesign traffic islands at 12 major junctions across the city. The Rs 1.5 crore initiative is aimed at curbing issues such as signal violations, unsafe pedestrian crossings, and chaotic turning patterns that have long disrupted traffic flow in Nagpur. Rather than reducing drivable road space, the newly designed traffic islands utilize excess areas previously misused by motorists for illegal turns and shortcuts. According to NMC Deputy Engineer (Civil) Rahul Deshmukh, "These islands are not encroaching on the carriageway. Instead, we're formalizing unused spaces to improve traffic behavior and pedestrian safety."

Smarter Infrastructure for Safer Streets

The upgraded traffic islands feature several safety-focused enhancements, including:

- * Extended stop lines to deter signal jumping
- * Optimized turning radii to streamline vehicular



Positive Results from Pilot Site

The newly repaved traffic island at Shradhdhanandpeth Square has become a successful test case. Initially met with hesitation by residents and

movement

* Dedicated free-left lanes for smoother left turns

* Refuge points and phased pedestrian crossings for safer foot traffic

Deshmukh emphasized that public concerns about narrowing roads are misplaced. "We're not shrinking roads, just reclaiming what was already being misused," he noted.

Joint Effort with Traffic Police

The redesign effort has been carried out in close coordination with Nagpur's traffic police.

Joint inspections by NMC engineers and local traffic officers ensured that each junction's design was customized to suit ground-level traffic patterns, making the interventions both practical and effective.

shopkeepers, the square now reports improved vehicular discipline, fewer signal violations, and significantly safer pedestrian crossings. "Peak hour traffic is far smoother now," said a traffic official stationed at the junction. "Even the skeptics are seeing the difference."

Scalable Urban Solution

As work progresses at other intersections, city officials believe this model could inspire similar traffic improvements in other mid-sized Indian cities.

If Nagpur's data-backed approach continues to yield results, it may set a new benchmark in urban traffic management and pedestrian-focused planning.

Rains across Maharashtra for next 3 days, Yellow alert for 30 districts: IMD



Nagpur 5 June: After a brief pause, the monsoon is likely to become active for the next three days. The Meteorological Department has forecast heavy rains, strong winds and lightning for three days, almost all over Maharashtra.

A yellow alert has been issued for about 30 districts, including Mumbai, Pune, Thane, Nagpur, and Chhatrapatinagar.

The farmers have been asked to remain alert during the period. According to IMD, light to medium rains, lightning, and winds with high

speed could strike Konkan, Central Maharashtra, Marathwada, and Vidarbha regions.

A yellow alert has been issued for Konkan, Mumbai, Thane, Raigad, Central Maharashtra—Pune, Nashik, Jalgaon, Dhule, Satara, Sangli, Solapur, Ahmednagar, Marathwada—Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Jalna, Beed, Hingoli, Parbhani, Dharashiv, Vidarbha—Nagpur, Akola, Amravati, Wardha, Yavatmal, Washim, Buldana, Chandrapur, Gadchiroli, Bhandara, and Gondia.

West Nagpur MLA Vikas Thakre exposes PMAY scam

Nagpur 5 June: Serious irregularities and violations have been unearthed in the Orange City Park Housing Scheme approved under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in Wanadongri, on the outskirts of Nagpur. The scam was exposed by Congress' West Nagpur MLA Vikas Thakre, prompting Guardian Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule to direct Minister of State for Housing Dr. Pankaj Bhoyar to initiate an official inquiry. Following the revelations, the Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority (MHADA) has ordered Millennium Developers & Promoters Pvt Ltd to immediately stop the sale of villas and flats under the scheme.

Bawankule asks Housing Minister to order probe



Key allegations and violations:

1. Fake road shown for layout approval.



2. Use of incorrect development plan: Although Wanadongri has been a Municipal Council area since 2016 and falls under a Regional Plan, MHADA granted approvals based on the draft Development Plan of the Nagpur Metropolitan Region Development

Authority (NMRDA)—which does not show any access road to the layout.

3. Plinth certificates without road access or local approval:

MHADA issued plinth-level construction certificates without receiving mandatory clearance from the Wanadongri Municipal Council and without the existence of the main road.

4. Fire NOC and structural clearance skipped:

Several eight-storey buildings were approved without obtaining Fire No Objection Certificates (NOC) or structural clearances.

5. Violation of Supreme Court order: Villas were handed over to buyers without occupancy, fire safety, or

structural clearances, in direct violation of a Supreme Court order dated December 17, 2024 (Civil Appeal No. 14604/2024). Some residents have already moved in.

6. Environmental and civic norms flouted:

The project lacks a sewage disposal system and tax assessment. Moreover, sewage is reportedly being discharged into adjacent agricultural land without any treatment.

7. False inspection report by MHADA officer:

In March, MHADA Nagpur official Mahesh Kumar Meghmal allegedly filed a misleading inspection report favouring the developer, concealing rule violations and encroachments, and ignoring the fact that villas were occupied despite no occupancy certificate.

8. Allegations of land encroachment: Nearby farmland owners have accused the developer of illegally encroaching on their plots.

Written complaints have been lodged with the municipal council and local police.

MLA Thakre demands criminal action: In his letter, MLA Vikas Thakre has demanded that the Housing Department take immediate control of the entire project and initiate a criminal case against the developer and complicit MHADA officials.

He accused MHADA officials in Mumbai and Nagpur of facilitating this large-scale fraud, allowing the developer to gain benefits under PMAY. "Many citizens invested their life savings to buy homes in this project. The government must act now," he said.

Women to be recruited in 50 percent posts in state forest department

Forest Minister Ganesh Naik's announces during 'Vanshakti' national conference

Chandrapur 5 June In the present era, women are leading in all sectors. Three main departments in the state are being led by women. In order to increase women's leadership in the sector and strengthen it, the number of women employees in the forest sector will now be increased and women will be recruited in 50 percent posts in forest department recruitment drives. State Forest Minister Ganesh Naik made this announcement. He was speaking during the inauguration ceremony of 'Vanshakti 2025' National Conference organised by the Maharashtra State Forest Department. The topic of the conference is women in the forest sector and the event is being held at Chandrapur Forest Academy of Development, Administration and management. MLA Kishor Jorgewar, MLA Deorao Bhongale, legislator Karan Deotale, Additional Chief Secretary of Forest Department Milind Mhaikar, Telangana Forest Force Chief Dr. Suvarna, Kanchan Devi, Srinivas Rao, Sanjeev Gaur were present as special guests at the inauguration ceremony of the two-day conference. State Chief Secretary Sujata Saunik participated virtually in the event. Forest Minister Ganesh Naik extended best wishes to the attendees on the occasion of World Environment Day. Speaking further, he said that women have made a great contribution in building the state of Maharashtra. In order to strengthen the forest sector, honorary forest guards, who were being appointed as per one post in each district, will now be appointed in each taluka. 50 Percent of the posts in upcoming forest department recruitment drives will be filled by women candidates. Forest Minister Ganesh Naik also said that appropriate steps are being taken for ensuring safety of employees working in the forest sector. They will be provided with good quality



vehicles and protective equipment. He also directed the administration to conduct study tours in countries that have become free from man animal conflict in order to end wild animal attacks on people and cattle. MLA Kishor Jorgewar praised the Forest Department for organising a special conference for women. My mother used to bring bamboo from the forest and make baskets and other items from it and sell them. The legislator said that he has had a very close relationship with the forest. MLA Deorao Bhongale welcomed the women forest officials who had come from all corners of the country. The legislator hoped that several challenges would be addressed and resolved through Vanshakti conference.

He was optimistic that the issue of man-animal conflict would also be discussed. Deotale also praised the organisers of the conference and extended his best wishes to them. State Chief Secretary Sujata Saunik addressed the conference virtually. She said that it is indeed a matter of joy that this conference is being held on the occasion of World Environment Day.

She presented paintings highlighting the leadership of women in the forest sector and their work. She also said that women should make a big contribution in realising Chief Minister's vision of a developed Maharashtra consequently a developed India from these initiatives. Additional Chief Secretary of Forest Department Milind Mhaikar said that the forest sector is a challenging one. Women officials and employees have proved their capabilities through their hard work & professionalism in this sector. He said that he has had a special relationship with Chandrapur district and is happy to be in this district once again.

Telangana Forest Force Chief Dr. Suvarna thereafter addressed the audience. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Force Chief) Shomita Biswas highlighted the idea behind the organisation of the conference.

She praised the work of women in the forest sector, giving many examples of the challenges faced by women in the forest department in Maharashtra and how they have overcome those challenges.

Yavatmal LCB sleuths nab murder accused within 12 hours

Yavatmal 5 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): In a swift and strategic operation, the Local Crime Branch (LCB) of Yavatmal Police arrested six individuals involved in a murder that occurred on June 3, 2025, within 12 hours of the crime. As per the FIR filed by Sanjivani Manoj Datar, resident of Sejal Residency, Ambika Nagar, Yavatmal, her younger brother, Manish Sagar Shendre (27), was previously jailed for the February 7, 2024, murder of Shadab Khan at Kalamb Chowk. He had been released on bail by the Nagpur High Court on April 11, 2025. On June 3, 2025, around 5:20 PM, while Manish was retrieving his motorcycle from Munna Garage at Chandni Chowk, he was ambushed and brutally stabbed multiple times with sharp weapons by the following accused:

1. Mohsin Khan Ayub Khan (aged 32 years), resident of Tajbagh Nagar, Nagpur Road, Yavatmal
2. Faizman Khan alias Sahil Mehmood Khan (aged 21 years), resident of Tayade Nagar, Nagpur Road
3. Danish alias Saba Salim Ahmed (aged 21 years), resident of Kumbharpura
4. Sohail Khan Yusuf Khan (aged 23 years), resident of Tayade Nagar
5. Sheikh Kashif Sheikh Farid (aged 19 years), resident of Dolly Road, Chandbagh
6. Aminor in conflict with the law

Based on Sanjivani Datar's report, Crime

No. 597/2025 was registered under IPC Sections 103(1), 191(1), 191(2), 191(3), and Section 3.2(5) of the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA). Considering the gravity of the crime, Superintendent of Police Kumar Chintia directed immediate action. PI Satish Chavre, in charge of the LCB, along with his team, initiated a search based on intelligence that the accused had fled toward Kalamb Road en route to Nagpur or Wani. Two suspects (Accused Nos. 4 and 5) were apprehended near a bridge in Kalamb and provided leads about the others traveling by truck.

The LCB team tracked and intercepted the remaining accused near a roadside eatery on Hinganghat Road in Wadki. After verifying their identities, Accused Nos. 1 to 3 and the minor were taken into custody and confessed to the crime during interrogation. All accused were handed over to Yavatmal City Police for further legal proceedings.

This successful operation was executed under the guidance of SP Kumar Chintia, Additional SP Piyush Jagtap, Sub-Divisional Police Officer Dinesh Vaisane, and PI Satish Chavre, with the assistance of police officers Gajanan Rajmali, Syed Sajid, Rupesh Pali, Yogesh Dagwar, Prashant Hedau, Akash Surayawshi, Devendra Nanje, Ram Polghat, Mahesh Wakode, Dhananjay Shirame, and driver Sunil Pesharam of the Yavatmal LCB.

Lakshmibai Bhagwat passes away at 95

Pusad 5 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Lakshmibai Harihar Bhagwat (aged 95), a respected member of the older generation and resident of Shikshak Colony (Banjara Colony), Pusad, passed away due to age-related ailments. She is survived by her sons Srikant, Pragnanand, and Gautam, her daughter Vijayatai, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, and a large extended family. She was the mother of retired laboratory assistant Srikant Bhagwat from Lokhit School, postal employee Pragnanand Bhagwat, and Gautam Bhagwat, Deputy Executive Engineer at the Electricity Distribution Company. Her last rites were performed at Mokshadham in Pusad, where a collective tribute and the Trisharan Panchsheel ceremony were observed.

Citizens and commuters have also been advised to abide by traffic rules, failing which fines and other penal action can be imposed upon them.

Traffic cops take action on 4638 riders flouting norms

Nagpur 5 June: Traffic cops took action against a total of 4638 riders under various sections of the Motor Vehicles Act and collected a total fine of Rs 1.32 lakh from

the erring riders. Under the Bombay Liquor Prohibition Act, 4 suspects have been arrested in 3 cases and material worth Rs 43.04 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.

55,925 Farmers in Amravati to avail benefit of agricultural schemes

Amravati 5 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): A total of 55,925 farmers from Amravati district have been selected under various agricultural schemes based on a "first-come, first-served" basis. The list, worth approximately Rs 20 crore in subsidies, has been published on the MahaDBT portal, and SMS notifications will soon be sent to the selected farmers. Selected farmers must submit necessary documents within 10 days, failing which their applications will be canceled. Farmers must complete 100% of their profile on the portal using their AGRISTACK ID. Caste certificates for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and

disability certificates for differently-abled beneficiaries are mandatory. Those without an AGRISTACK ID must visit their nearest CSC center to generate one, according to the Agriculture Department.

Included Schemes
* Chief Minister Sustainable Agriculture Irrigation Scheme (Farm Ponds)
* Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (Micro Irrigation)* Integrated Horticulture Development Campaign
* Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization* Bhausaheb Fundkar Orchard Plantation Scheme

Rs 1 crore solar development fund for Amravati district's villages

Amravati 5 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): The central government has launched the 'Model Solar Village' initiative under the PM Suryaghar Muft Bijli Yojana to promote energy self-reliance and eco-friendly development in villages with a population exceeding 5,000. Proposals are being invited from eligible villages until June 16.

The winning village will receive a Rs 1 crore special development fund to implement solar energy-based projects, contributing to environmental conservation and energy efficiency.

Benefits under the Scheme

- * Clean energy through solar power projects and battery energy storage systems
- * 90% financial aid for women's self-help groups for solar-based livelihood projects

* Schools, health centers, and government buildings to run on solar power

* Reducing electricity costs and promoting environmental protection

* Solar-powered streetlights to improve safety* Solar pumps for farmers – reducing irrigation costs and dependency on diesel

* 90% financial aid to dairies, cooperatives, and fisheries – boosting the rural economy

Contact for More Information

Interested villages can contact the Maharashtra Energy Development Agency (MAHAURJA), Divisional Office, Amravati.

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Phone: 0721-2661610/8669911011

"This fund is a golden opportunity for villages to move toward self-sufficiency," stated Divisional General Manager Prafulla Tayade.

Fake currency racket busted in Pusad

Quartet with counterfeit notes worth Rs 1.91 lakh nabbed

Pusad 5 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): A fake currency racket operating out of Pusad has been busted by the Local Crime Branch (LCB) police, leading to the arrest of four individuals and the seizure of counterfeit currency and materials worth Rs 1,91,624. The police action was carried out on June 5, 2025, following a tip-off received during routine patrolling. The arrested individuals have been identified as:

* Rajkumar Shrawan Pardhi, a native of Sawli, Manora Taluka, Washim district, currently residing at New Pusad, Yavatmal district

* Tukaram Damaji Guhade, resident of Harsi, Pusad Taluka

* Bhausaheb Anand Rao Patange, resident of Kondur, Kalamnuri Taluka, Hingoli district

* Ramdas Kisan Bharkade, resident of Donwada, Vasmat Taluka, Hingoli district

A fifth accomplice, Pandit Bhalerao of Sawli, Kalamnuri Taluka, Hingoli, is absconding, and a police team has been formed to trace and apprehend him. A case has been registered against all five at the Pusad City Police Station. According to LCB officials, during a night patrol on June 5, confidential information was received that Rajkumar Pardhi was residing in a rented room belonging to one Sonu Patil in New Pusad and was involved in printing counterfeit Rs 500 currency notes. The LCB team swiftly acted on the tip-off and laid a strategic trap around the location. One suspicious individual was detained outside the residence and identified himself as Rajkumar. He admitted to staying in the house with his family. Upon entering the premises, the police found three other individuals inside a bedroom, surrounded by materials used for counterfeiting Rs 500 currency notes. The police seized 117 notes of Rs 500 denomination, of which four were confirmed as fake under bright light examination. Also found at the location were round glass molds, blank paper bundles the size of currency notes, chemical bottles from various brands, and chemically treated



dark papers resembling currency notes.

Seized Material (Box Item):

The police confiscated the following items from the site:

- * Bundles of blank paper cut to the size of Rs 500 notes
- * Bottles containing chemicals from various companies
- * Chemically treated dark paper shaped like currency notes
- * Two circular glass molds
- * Four counterfeit Rs 500 notes
- * 113 original Rs 500 currency notes
- Other related materials

The total value of the seized materials, including counterfeit notes, stands at Rs 1,91,624. The operation was carried out under the guidance of Sub-Divisional Police Officer and Additional Superintendent of Police Harshvardhan B. J., and Police Inspector Satish Chavare. The successful raid was executed by PSI Gajanan Gajbhare, Assistant PSI Sharad Lohakare, and police personnel Munna Ade, Santosh Bhorge, Subhash Jadhav, Kunal Mundokar, Ramesh Rathod, Tejab Rankhamb, Sunil Pandagle, Ravindra Shrirame, and Rajesh Jadhav. Further investigation is underway by the Pusad City Police.

Take strict action against Additional SP

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POST: Strict action should be taken against Upper District Superintendent of Police Piyush Jagtap, who went to a print media representative's house with a police convoy and abused him in obscene language and threatened to kill his family.

He displayed hooliganism and misused the authority given by the government. Strict action should be taken against him and all the policemen who went with him under the Journalist Protection Act, otherwise a strong protest will have to be launched.

Umarkhed Taluka Dainik Vruttapatra Vartahar Sangh. Upper District Superintendent of Police Piyush Jagtap went to the house of print media representative Satish Yetre in



Publicity Chief Gajanan Santosh Kalane, Avinash Bharti, Working President Munnarwar, Ankush Azhar Khan and all members Panpatte, Sanjay Deshmukh, Vasantrao Deshmukh, Dr. Shivcharan Hingmire, Prashant Bhagwat, Arvind Bhimrao Nagare, Ravi Oalwar, Laxmikant Bhojar, Taher Mirza, Salman Nandanwar, Sahebrao Khan, etc. have sent letter to the Chief Minister through a Pensionwar, Arun Belle, Venkatesh, a sub-divisional officer.

'E-NAM' will bring transparency



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According to the new policy of the Central Government, the new system of the National Agricultural Market i.e. e-NAM will benefit farmers more. It will also increase transparency in transactions, said Ranganath Katre of the Ministry of Agriculture, Farmers' Development, Government of India. He was speaking at a workshop organized at the Agricultural Products Market Committee, Arni Main Market Hall. The program was presided over by the Deputy Chairman of the Market Committee Parasram Rathod. According to the new policy of the Central Government, a guidance training workshop was organized in the Market Committee on June 05 to provide information to farmers, traders and traders about the e-NAM scheme. The program was conducted and introduced by the Secretary of the Market Committee Vishal Rathod. On this occasion, the Directors of the Market Committee Praveen Shinde, Rajesh Butle, Umesh Kothari, Deepak Butle, Ganesh Rathod, Tukaram Ade, Mrs. Sheetal Chaudhary, Ajay Gadewar, Santosh Chavan, Gafoor Shah and employees of the market committee were present.

Life threat issued to journalist; Action demanded, kin terror-stricken

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The journalist's wife, Mrs. Puja Satish Yetre, has made a serious allegation against the district's Additional Superintendent of Police Piyush Jagtap for threatening to kill a journalist in front of his family in a complaint to the District Superintendent of Police. The journalist in this incident is named as Satish Yetre, who works as a district correspondent in a daily published in Nagpur. Although the journalist's wife has officially filed a complaint in this matter with the District Superintendent of Police, no case has been registered against the concerned officer yet. Due to this, there is strong dissatisfaction among the journalists in the district over this incident. According to the complaint, on May 28 at around 11.30 pm, Additional Superintendent of Police Piyush Jagtap himself reached the house of the concerned journalist along with constable Avinash Dhane and some unknown persons and after coming in front of the house, Jagtap started abusing journalist Satish in

a vulgar manner. The complaint states that Jagtap directly threatened the journalist saying, "Where did he go, I will kill him to pieces, today I will play his game, I will show him what the police are like." At this time, journalist Satish's parents and daughter were scared. And they had to suffer physical and mental torture. The most shocking thing is that despite such serious allegations, the district police administration has not taken any action yet, which raises questions. If senior police officer is terrorizing ordinary citizens and journalists, then who will protect democracy and law and order? This matter is not just about one family but about the safety of the entire journalism community. Journalists are demanding an immediate and impartial inquiry into this matter and strict action against the concerned officer. Copies of this complaint have been given to the Chief Minister, Home Minister, Director General of Police, Special Inspector General of Police Amravati, Women's Commission and Avadhutdhadi Police Station.

Environment awareness rally enthusiastically taken out on World Environment Day

Pusad 5 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):

To mark World Environment Day, an enthusiastic and impactful environmental awareness rally was organized in Pusad by several prominent social organizations, including Maanuskichi Bhintha, Vasundhara Multipurpose Organization, Mission Green, Shivprabha Charitable Trust, Nisarg Samvad, Geetai Seva Kendra, Women's College, Pragati Nirman Sanstha, and the Rotary Club. The rally commenced from Geetai Kendra at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Chowk. The dignitaries were welcomed with saplings as a symbolic gesture of environmental commitment. On this occasion, Gajanan Dattatray Jadhav, President of Maanuskichi Bhintha Social Foundation and an innovative farmer, was felicitated by Mission Green for receiving the 2025 State-Level Rajiv Gandhi Krishi Ratna Award. He was honored by the Chief Guest and SDO Ashish Bijwal with a shawl, memento, and a plant sapling. In his address, SDO Ashish Bijwal



gave a detailed explanation on how future water crises could be tackled through the 'Jaltara' initiative. At 9:00 AM, the rally officially began in the presence of dignitaries. A vehicle adorned with placards related to environmental themes led the rally, followed by announcements through loudspeakers. When the rally reached Maanuskichi Bhintha, drinking water was arranged for all participants by the foundation, and a warm welcome was extended to the environmental awareness rally. Renowned

'Saptkhanjiri' performer Pankajpal Maharaj engaged the audience with his sweet and humorous presentation, effectively conveying the importance of environmental conservation.

At Vasantrao Naik Chowk, environmental enthusiast Parshuram Narwade from Shivprabha Trust led the participants in a self-composed pledge to maintain ecological balance.

The concluding remarks were delivered by Krishibhushan recipient

Deepak Asegaonkar, who, on the occasion of his birthday, announced the plantation of 10 saplings at Tuljabhavan Mata Hill in Nimbi and another 10 at the Hindu crematorium in Pusad.

The introductory speech was delivered by Pawan Bojewar, and the vote of thanks was presented by Ramesh Dambole. The program saw enthusiastic participation from various social organizations, students, environmental enthusiasts, and journalists across the city.