

## BULLS EYE

### Samruddhi in numbers...

Finally, the dedication ceremony of the Samruddhi Highway has been completed. The time taken to cover the same distance between Nagpur and Mumbai has been reduced by 60 percent. That is, it has been announced that now the distance from Nagpur to Mumbai will be covered in 8 hours or so. In fact, the Samruddhi Highway does not reach Mumbai. Its Samruddhi is only up to Thane. To satisfy our minds and those who do not know that Thane is not Mumbai, there is no problem in telling the statistics that Mumbai is in eight hours drive away from us. When the Samruddhi Highway is completed, Mumbai will be at zero miles from where. By then, it will take at least 2 to 2.5 hours to reach that place on the busy roads of Mumbai. If we calculate 120 kilometers per hour to travel Samruddhi to Thane, then this journey can be completed in 8 hours without stopping anywhere. But in these 8 hours, whether you are driving yourself or your driver is driving, then you have to stop the car at least three times. It is necessary to stop it like that. Otherwise, the driver will fall asleep. Because there is no need to brake on that route. There is usually no need to brake. Other vehicles can be easily overtaken. In such a situation, there is no need to take any other precautions. Therefore, if the car is not stopped every 200 kilometers, the driver may fall asleep and the car may get into an accident. Due to this, we cannot trust the claims of automatic cars. The average of that car is 30 kilometers per liter. In reality, the same average does not come down to more than 14 to 15 kilometers per liter here. The cost of this so called prosperity highway has increased by Rs 15 thousand crore. Opposition leader Congress state president Sapkal has accused the project to be mired in corruption. Even in the Congress era, a project was not completed within the specified time. Then many times, prices were increased due to rising inflation. If it was right then, then the expenditure was calculated in that way. Then it can be said that it is right now too. Dhirubhai Ambani had paid the tender for the contract of Mumbai Pune Express Highway for Rs 33 thousand crore. The Mumbai-Pune Expressway was built by the then Public Works Minister Nitinji Gadkari for just Rs 18 thousand crore. Therefore, pointing fingers at anyone in the case of corruption or other irregularities was like pointing fingers at yourself. When the first phase of this Samruddhi Highway was completed, it was celebrated with pomp and show by holding a grand event and giving advertisements in all the newspapers of Maharashtra. Now, however, there should be no more stress on the treasury of Maharashtra. Therefore, it is important to mention that the completion of Samruddhi has been carried out at a low cost. Let us now express our belief that the prosperity of Mumbai will reach Nagpur through the Samruddhi Highway. Also, on the occasion, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis' dream has come true, for which he is also being congratulated wholeheartedly!

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## A PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENTARIAN...



An ideal MP is one who makes people feel like they are one of their own. MP Amar Kale can be seen here enjoying lemonade on the streets in the scorching sun conversing with citizens & workers of Pulgaon over various matters.

### PM Modi to attend G7 Summit in Alberta, gets invitation call from Canadian PM Mark Carney

**New Delhi, June 6 (UNI)** Putting all speculation to the contrary to rest, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to attend the G7 Leaders' Summit in Canada next week, after having received an invite from Canadian PM Mark Carney. PM Modi received a call from Canadian PM Mark Carney today, inviting him to attend the June 15-17 G7 Leaders' Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta. The invite from the Canadian PM and PM Modi's attendance marks a thawing in the relations between the two nations that had seen a sharp downward spiral under previous prime minister Justin Trudeau, over the latter's championing the cause of the Khalistani elements. PM Modi said in a post on X that the two nations will work together with renewed vigour, guided by mutual respect and shared interests, and that he looks forward to their meeting at the Summit. "Glad to receive a call from Prime Minister @MarkJCarney of Canada. "Congratulations to him on his recent election victory and thanked him for the invitation to the G7 Summit in Kananaskis later this month. "As vibrant democracies bound by deep people-to-people ties, India and Canada will work together with renewed vigour, guided by mutual respect and shared interests. "Look forward to our meeting at the Summit. "Canadian media had reported that pro-Khalistani organisations had called on Ottawa to "break with a five-year tradition by not inviting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the G7 summit". The G7 consists of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK and the US. The President of the European Commission and several other nations are also expected to participate in the summit. Late last month, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and the new Canadian FM Anita Anand had spoken over the phone, and discussed the prospects of bilateral ties.

# PM opens Chenab Bridge, flags off Vande Bharat in J&K push

**Jammu 6 June:** In a major infrastructure milestone for Jammu and Kashmir, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated the Chenab Rail Bridge, the world's highest railway arch bridge. The engineering marvel is a key part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project and now seamlessly connects the Kashmir Valley to the rest of India via rail. PM Modi's visit today marked several firsts for the region as well: the inauguration of India's first cable-stayed railway bridge, Anji Khad Bridge, and the first-ever train service directly linking Kashmir to the mainland. Just weeks after the deadly Pahalgam terror attack, the inauguration of multiple all-weather infrastructure projects in Kashmir served



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as a strong message from PM Modi, who is visiting the valley for the first time after Operation Sindoor, that his government remains committed to the development of the region. PM Modi is also scheduled to inaugurate several developmental projects in Katra worth Rs 46,000 crore in a massive infrastructure push for the state. Moments after inaugurating the Chenab Bridge, the Prime Minister was seen waving the Tiranga and walking across it with a broad smile. Accompanying him were Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant

Governor Manoj Sinha, and former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, as he cut the ceremonial ribbon. Chenab bridge is the part of the 272 km long USBRL project, constructed worth around Rs 43,780 crore and includes 36 tunnels (spanning 119 km) and 943 bridges. The project establishes all-weather, seamless rail connectivity between the Kashmir Valley and the rest of the country. Designed to resist strong earthquakes, the bridge incorporates advanced safety features, including the ability for trains to continue operating at low speed even if a supporting pier is damaged.

## India's active Covid-19 cases near 6,000 as Kerala, Gujarat lead uptick

**New Delhi, June 6 (UNI)** India is witnessing a slow uptick in Covid-19 cases, with active infections being reported from nearly every state except Arunachal Pradesh. As of 8 am on June 6, the total number of active infections across the country has reached 5,862, according to the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Four deaths have been reported in the last 24 hours against seven fatalities a previous day. Kerala continues to report the highest daily caseload as it recorded 192 new infections in the past 24 hours, taking its active case tally to 1,679. Two Covid-related deaths were also reported from the state on June 5.

## Indian Navy to get first Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft on June 18

**New Delhi, June 6 (UNI)** The Indian Navy is all set to commission the first Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts (ASW-SWC), Arnala, at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam, on June 18. Constructed under the guidance of the Directorate of Ship Production and the oversight of the warship overseeing teams in Kolkata and Kattupalli, Arnala was delivered to the Indian Navy on May 8, an official statement said. The ceremony will be presided over by Chief of Defence Staff, Gen Anil Chauhan. The event marks the formal induction of the first of the 16 ASW-SWC class ships into the Indian Navy. Designed and constructed by GRSE, Kolkata, under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) with L&T Shipbuilders, Arnala is a testament to the success of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative in defence manufacturing. Named after the historic Arnala Fort off Vasai, Maharashtra, the

warship reflects India's rich maritime heritage. Much like the fort, which stood resiliently against various threats, the ship is designed to have a formidable presence at sea. Its robust construction and advanced capabilities ensure that it can withstand the challenges of the maritime domain, safeguarding India's waters from emerging threats. The warship incorporates more than 80 percent indigenous content and integrates advanced systems from leading Indian defence firms, including Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), L&T, Mahindra Defence, and MEIL. The project has engaged over 55 Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), promoting domestic industry and generating related economic activity. Designed for a range of ASW operations, Arnala is equipped to conduct Subsurface Surveillance, Search and Rescue missions, and Low-Intensity Maritime Operations.

## HC asks Maha to decide plea seeking permission for Eid prayer

**Mumbai, June 6 (UNI)** The Bombay High Court on Friday asked the secretary of the Cultural Affairs Ministry, government of Maharashtra, to decide on an application seeking permission to hold annual Bakr Eid namaaz at Mumbai's historic August Kranti Maidan. A vacation bench of justices Neela Gokhale and Manjusha Deshpande gave direction in response to a petition moved

by Umer Abdul Jabbar Gopalani, challenging the local Gamdevi police decision refusing to grant permission, citing law and order and traffic congestion issues. In his petition, Gopalani said the fire and traffic departments had granted an NOC whereas the BMC has asked it to get another NOC from the directorate of archaeology and museum; and thereafter it said it will consider the application.

## CJI Gavai champions cross-border legal synergy at ICA London conference

**New Delhi/London, June 5 (UNI)** Chief Justice of India Justice B R Gavai inaugurated the third International Conference on "Arbitrating Indo-UK Commercial Disputes: Synergizing India-UK Arbitration Practices" in London on Thursday. The high-level event, hosted by the Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA) during London International Disputes Week, brought together legal luminaries, judges, policymakers, and commercial dispute resolution experts from both nations to strengthen ties in arbitration and mediation. Delivering the inaugural address, CJI Gavai remarked, "India and the United Kingdom share a rich history, bound by the

tradition of arbitration and mediation rooted in our common law heritage." The conference was also addressed by Union Minister of Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal, Lord Michael Briggs, Judge of the UK Supreme Court, Justice Hima Kohli, Supreme Court of India, Vikram Doraiswami, High Commissioner of India to the UK, and eminent lawyers including Harish Salve KC and Geeta Luthra, Vice President of ICA. CJI Gavai reflected on India's arbitration journey, invoking Mahatma Gandhi's commitment to mediation as foundational. "Disputes are inevitable. What defines a strong commercial relationship is our commitment to resolve them efficiently," he stated.

## Covid-19 delayed Census 2021; southern states' concerns will be take care of: MHA

**New Delhi, June 6 (UNI)** Attributing the delay in conducting Census 2021 to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Ministry of Home Affairs on Thursday said the concerns of the southern states regarding the delimitation process will be taken care of with all concerned at an appropriate time. The Ministry said on X that Home Minister Amit Shah had repeatedly clarified that concerns of southern states regarding the delimitation exercise will be taken care of and discussed with all concerned at an appropriate time. "Census 2021 was to be conducted and all preparations for the Census were completed. However, due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic across the country, the Census work was postponed. The aftershock of Covid-19 continued for quite some time," the MHA said. The Ministry said that a key challenge was the involvement of approximately 30 lakh enumerators, most of



whom are primary school teachers. Conducting the Census immediately after Covid could have severely disrupted primary education. "COVID disrupted all sectors, including education. Around 30 lakh enumerators are needed for the Census. Enumerators, who are primary school teachers, are key persons for conducting Census. Conducting the Census after Covid could have disrupted primary education immensely," the MHA post said.

## Promoting local languages vital for India's global recognition: Amit Shah

**New Delhi, June 6 (UNI)** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said India can attain a distinguished and respected position in the world only by empowering and promoting its local languages. "Every language of the country is completely connected with other languages and development of all languages is not possible without each other," the Home Minister said after launching the Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag (Indian Languages Section), the Department of Official Language has now become a complete department. "It will prove to be a milestone in the direction of freeing the administration from the influence of foreign languages. Our potential can be fully exploited only

under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with the establishment of the Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag (Indian Languages Section), the Department of Official Language has now become a complete department. "It will prove to be a milestone in the direction of freeing the administration from the influence of foreign languages. Our potential can be fully exploited only



when our processes of thinking, analysis and decision-making are in our mother tongue," he said. Calling the Indian languages as rivers, Shah said, "Indian languages are

the soul of our culture and our culture is the soul of India, and this section will provide a strong and organised platform to all languages, incorporating the linguistic diversity of India"

## Time to be proud of being Indian: Union Minister Gajendra Shekhawat

**Pune, June 6 (UNI)** Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Gajendra Shekhawat said Indian culture and civilisation are deeply rooted. In the pre-independence period, the British tried to attack it. After independence, the rulers needed to enrich this culture and civilization, but they failed and India suffered a great loss. He said that "Gurus" from various fields maintained the tradition during that period. Today, India is being respected differently in the world. India's culture is being reestablished, and today is the time to be proud

of this culture and being Indian, said Shekhawat speaking at a programme organised by Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini with music, dance and theater artists in Pune. He further said, Indian culture, art, knowledge, science, architecture, have contributed to the world in a way that is amazing. "While civilization in the world is dying over time, civilization and culture have remained in flux in India for thousands of years. Gurus from various fields have made a great contribution to keep this flow alive," he added.

## Above-average rainfall expected in most regions

**Mumbai, June 6 (UNI)** The IMD released a detailed four-week weather forecast for Maharashtra, predicting mostly normal to above-average rainfall across the state from June 6 to July 3. While most regions are expected to receive good rainfall, the Konkan area is likely to experience below-average precipitation during this period. In the first week, Madhya Maharashtra is forecast to receive above-average rainfall.

## Ten BRICS nations condemn Pahalgam terror attack

**New Delhi, June 6 (UNI)** The Parliaments of ten BRICS nations strongly condemned the Pahalgam terrorist attack and agreed to cooperate on a policy of zero tolerance against terrorism. A high-level Parliamentary delegation led by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, which participated in a two-day Eleventh BRICS Parliamentary Forum in Brasilia, held multiple rounds of intensive discussions. A broad consensus was reached on key global issues including the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), global trade and economy, inter-parliamentary cooperation, global peace and security, an official spokesman said here on Friday. The ten BRICS countries represented in this year's forum were: India, Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Ethiopia, and Indonesia. Mr Birla, while speaking at the closing ceremony, highlighted India's stance on various issues. "India unequivocally condemned

all terrorist attacks and emphatically advocated for the adoption of a zero tolerance policy towards terrorism." India's stand was appreciated and unanimously incorporated into the final Joint Declaration. In particular, India's firm policy on countering terrorism was strongly acknowledged. The Joint Declaration strongly condemned the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam. India, and member Parliaments agreed to act collectively against terrorism. Mr Birla stressed the need for joint efforts to curb financial support to terrorist organizations, enhance intelligence sharing, prevent the misuse of emerging technologies, and promote cooperation in investigation and judicial processes. India's approach and leadership were specially recognized and BRICS parliaments affirmed that active participation by all member nations is essential in ensuring global peace and security.



## First coal rake dispatched from newly commissioned Gati Shakti Cargo terminal at Moorsa station

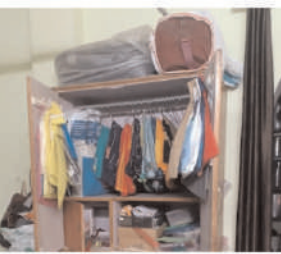
**Nagpur 6 June:** In a significant boost to freight movement and infrastructure development, Central Railway's Nagpur Division has successfully facilitated the loading of the first coal rake (59 BOXN wagons) from the newly opened Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal (GCT) of Fuelco Wusheries (India) Limited (FWSM), served by Moorsa Station. The rake was loaded by M/s MSPG and was dispatched to Maharashtra State Electricity Board Siding (MFSG) under Bhusawal Division, covering a total distance of 427 kilometers. This movement is generate additional freight revenue of Rs 0.45 crore. The commissioning of this GCT under the ambitious PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan represents a key step towards improving



multimodal connectivity and enhancing the ease of doing business. The terminal will play a pivotal role in supporting the bulk movement of coal and other commodities, facilitating faster and more efficient logistics operations. Nagpur Division continues to focus on expanding freight handling capacity through public-private partnerships and infrastructure

augmentation. The new terminal at Moorsa is expected to attract more freight customers, contributing to the region's economic growth and boosting Indian Railways' freight share. This development underscores the Division's commitment to strengthening supply chains and supporting India's vision for integrated and sustainable logistics.

## Unidentified thieves steal valuables worth Rs 50 thousand in Bailwada



**Wadi 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** There is a continuous increase in incidents of theft in Bailwada area of Nagpur taluka. On Thursday, June 5, at around 2 am, another theft incident took place in this area. Unidentified thieves entered the house of Ashokrao Bhadang, which is situated next to the house of former sarpanch Sachin Shete, and looted a total of Rs 50 thousand worth material including approximately Rs 20 thousand cash and silver ornaments. Ashok Bhadang

had gone out of the house for two days. The thieves broke the lock and entered the house. They had misplaced the belongings in the house. The neighbours informed them about the incident. The victims informed Khaparkheda Police Station about this incident. After the incident, Bhadang filed a complaint at the Khaparkheda Police Station, and the police personnel immediately visited the spot and inspected the site. A case has been registered against unidentified suspects in this concern. This theft incident has created an atmosphere of fear among the citizens of Bailwada, and social activist Lukesh Bhadang has demanded that citizens increase police patrolling in the area due to the rising incidents of theft.

## Shivarajyabhishek Din celebrated at Lava with gusto

**Wadi 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Shivrajyabhishek Din, which commemorates people's love for Shivaji Maharaj and Maratha culture was celebrated with immense enthusiasm at Lava Gram Panchayat under the leadership of Sarpanch Jyotsana Nitnaware. The programme began with the hoisting of the saffron flag and the installation of the auspicious gudhi. This initiative was implemented in the village to propagate a message of unity and patriotism on the occasion of the coronation day of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. On the occasion, Deputy Sarpanch Robin Shelare, former ZP member Sujit Nitnaware, Agriculture Director Mahesh Chokhandre, Gram Panchayat members Santosh Shende, Rameshwar Dhawale, Kapil Khadse, Women Gram



Panchayat member Manisha Kumre, ASHA worker Ujjwala Bhabane, Anganwadi worker Bharti Doifode, Sarita Wawai, Gram Panchayat senior clerk Subhash Doifode, Gram Panchayat employee Subhash Doifode, Ramakrishna Dhurve, Anurag Wankhede, Charandas Dhongde, Suryavanshi Patil, Pratibha Meshram, Rupali Wankhede, Swati Sonbawane, Sarika Salame and others were prominently present. In this initiative, the Gram Panchayat office bearers

presented an informative commentary explaining the historical significance of Shivarajyabhishek Din. The villagers participated enthusiastically in the event remembering the contributions and sacrifices of national hero Shivaji Maharaj. This programme brought to the fore virtues like unity, cultural awareness and spread the ideology of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in the village. This initiative by Gram Panchayat Lava is being appreciated everywhere.

## Ambala lake illuminated with thousands of lamps during Maa Ganga Dussehra Deep Mahotsav

**Ramtek 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Bharatiya Janaseva Mandal, Maa Ganga Dussehra Deep Mahotsav Samiti, Shrikshetra Ambala Brahmin Vrind and devotees organised the Maa Ganga Dussehra Deep Mahotsav on the banks of Ambala Lake. In Ramtek, the second flame of the Akhand Jyoti of Agasti Ashram was lit and brought to the banks of Ambala Lake via Jain Temple, Barve School, Zenda square, Gandhi square and Lambi Hanuman Temple. This flame was welcomed with great enthusiasm. The Brahmins present here duly worshipped the water of the lake by chanting Vedic mantras. After this, the Maha



Aarti of Maa Ganga was performed. Thousands of devotees released the lamps they brought with them into the lake. The lamps floating in the lake resembled the constellations of stars in the sky descending to meet great enthusiasm. Devotees believe that the water of the Ganga-Yamuna rivers resides in this lake in the form of holy water. This

festival used to be celebrated every year in a devotional atmosphere under the guidance of the late Saint Gopal Baba of Agasti Ashram. The same tradition has been maintained by the Bharatiya Janseva Mandal. This time around, the festival was held under the guidance of the President of Bharatiya Janseva Mandal, Chandrapal Choukse. On

the occasion, Minister of State Ashish Jaiswal, Secretary of Janseva Mandal and former legislator D Mallikarjuna Reddy, Kailasputri Maharaj, Gyanadas Maharaj, Vishnugiri Maharaj, Shivpremchand Maharaj, Chandrakant Thakkar, Subhash Baghel, Shekhar Baghel, Vinayak Dongre, Shankarrao Chamlate, Rishikesh Bhuttokar, Natthu Gharjale, Mohan Kothekar, Amol Gadhave, Anil Mulmule, Subhash Mule, Ajay Meharkule, Rahul Kothekar, Gopal Kathoke, Chandrakant Sangeet Rai, Nandkishor Papadkar and office bearers of the Mandal, Brahmin community from Ambala and devotees were present in large numbers.

## World Environment Day celebrated at Oriental Toll Plaza



**Ramtek 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A programme was organised on the occasion of World Environment Day on June 5 at Oriental Toll Plaza in Khumari on Nagpur-Jabalpur highway.

The programme was chaired by Dr. Raosaheb Jatale, the chief guests and dignitaries included Assistant Police Inspector of Highway Arun Bakal, the manager of Oriental Toll Plaza in Khumari



Atul Adamane, Headmistress of Punyashlok School in Khumari Yadav, the headmistress of Prakash High School in Kandri Milind Wankhede, Deputy Sarpanch of Khumari Gram Panchayat Uike, Ravi

Bawankar, Yogesh Bondre, Ziauddin Siddiqui, Satish Kirpan, Akash Yadav, Pandurang Waghade, Manoj Sandodia, Sanjay Mohurle and Anil Verma. Several toll naka employees were present during the programme.

## From Pink Marble Lions to Bronze Panther: Koradi temple unveils grand artistic and spiritual redesign

**Nagpur 6 June:** The Shri Mahalaxmi Jagdamba Sanstha premises in Koradi are set for a remarkable transformation—one that fuses spirituality with stunning craftsmanship to create a truly immersive cultural landmark. Led by the Nagpur Metropolitan Region Development Authority (NMRDA) and supported by the DPDC fund, the project will reimagine the temple complex as a space where devotion meets design. A majestic Darshan Bari will take shape, supported by 105 hand-carved saal wood columns and 90 finely finished beams, all polished to perfection. Along the walkway, 91 vintage-style wooden arches—reminiscent of 16th-century architecture—will add timeless charm and historical depth. Nature-inspired

elements will enrich the landscape: 13,206 sq. ft. of artificial grass over a geotextile membrane, 1,968 sq. ft. of synthetic moss, 124 lifelike GRFC trees, and 50 sculpted rocks will bring the feel of a sacred forest to life. At its heart will stand an awe-inspiring 12-meter-tall artificial mummified tree, complete with authentic root structures and lush foliage—a stunning centerpiece for a dedicated selfie zone. This area will also feature an intricately carved artificial wooden wall and 15 decorative GRFC pots. Captivating bronze sculptures, crafted using the ancient lost-wax method, will symbolize power and grace—a soaring eagle, a cobra, a panther, a deer, and two 7-ft pink marble lions guarding the sanctum. Adding a whimsical touch, 25 artistic birds will be



perched throughout the grounds. Every detail has been thoughtfully curated to create not just a temple, but an unforgettable journey through devotion, nature, and art. Infrastructure Coming to Life  
\* Darshan Bari – A sacred corridor with 105 hand-carved saal wood columns and 90 finely crafted wooden beams.  
\* 91 Wooden Arch – Inspired by 16th-century architecture, adding timeless elegance to the walkway.

\* Artificial Wall Panel – A beautifully carved wooden wall anchoring the central selfie and gathering zone.  
\* Geotextile Membrane – 4,500 sq. ft. of stainless steel mesh forming the foundation for greenery above.  
\* Artificial Grass Carpet – 13,206 sq. ft. of lush, low-maintenance synthetic turf for a garden-like feel.  
\* Synthetic Moss Installations – 1,968 sq. ft. of soft, eco-friendly moss for a soothing forest ambience.  
Visual & Natural Highlights  
\* 124 Artificial Trees – Strategically placed to create a shaded, natural canopy across the premises.  
\* Giant Mummified Tree – A stunning 12-meter-tall, 14-meter-wide centerpiece with real root detailing.  
\* 25 Artificial Birds – Made of GRFC and steel, perched

throughout to bring movement and charm.  
\* 50 Artificial Rocks – Realistic boulders crafted from GFRC and composite stone for natural effect.  
Bronze Sculptures (Lost-Wax Cast)  
\* Eagle Sculpture – 6 feet tall with a 3x3 ft base, symbolizing vision and majesty in bronze.  
\* Panther Sculpture – 6x3x3.5 ft, capturing the grace and stealth of this powerful creature.  
\* Cobra Sculpture – A striking 34x71x58 in figure, embodying intensity and spiritual symbolism.  
\* Deer Sculpture – 3x2x3 ft, a calm and elegant presence sculpted in intricate bronze.  
\* 2 Pink Marble Lions – Towering at 7 ft, carved from solid pink stone to guard the spiritual heart of the temple.

## Lloyds receives expert panel nod to expand iron ore mining in Gadchiroli

**Gadchiroli 6 June:** The experts appraisal committee (EAC) under the environment and forests ministry has given a green signal to Lloyds Metals and Energy Limited (LMEI) application seeking an environmental clearance (EC) to extract up to 26 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of iron ore from its mine at Surjagarh hills in Gadchiroli district. This approval allows LMEI, which currently has the only operational mine in Gadchiroli, to more than double its output. The EC will remain valid for a period of 30 years, according to the recommendation. Currently, LMEI has an EC to mine up to 10 MTPA of iron ore. The EAC recommendation also clears the way for the extraction of 45 million tonnes of banded hematite quartz (BHQ) from the iron ore block. While iron ore is found on the upper reaches of the mines, BHQ is extracted from the lower depths of the mine. This is later crushed to extract hematite. The company hopes to derive as much as 15 million tonnes of hematite after the crushing process, said sources. A recommendation by the EAC, which comes under the ministry of environment, forest and climate change (MOEFCC), is the final step towards granting EC. A formal document is expected to be issued soon, said a source involved in the process. The EAC has also listed a number of conditions along with the recommendation to grant EC. The committee has proposed that there will be no transportation of BHQ by road. The company is already building a pipeline to transport it in slurry form. The company will have to follow up on the status of the wildlife implementation plan from the forest officials and submit it to the ministry's regional office in Nagpur. LMEI will also have to deploy equipment like camera traps to record the presence of wild animals and their movement in the area and take steps to control man-animal conflicts, says the EAC. The EAC has also recommended that the company should use at least 20% of vehicles that run on alternative energy like electric, solar, or CNG in the site area. The company has also been asked by the EAC to complete the public hearing commitments for the project within three years to address the people's concerns over the project. It will have to comply with all the action plans made to address the concerns and also record the outcomes. LMEI, which has mines at Surjagarh, is building an integrated steel complex at Konsari, over 100km away. The ore mined from Surjagarh would largely feed the steel complex at Konsari.

## Shaheed Gowari flyover barriers taken down following repeated crashes

**Nagpur 6 June:** In a surprising turnaround, the Public Works Department (PWD) has had to dismantle the newly installed height barriers on the Shaheed Gowari Flyover just three days after their installation, following seven accidents involving heavy vehicles. The iron barriers, each weighing nearly two tonnes, were meant to limit heavy vehicle access to the aging flyover as a long-term safety measure. However, they quickly became accident-prone structures. Between Monday night and Thursday evening, five vehicles crashed into the barriers at the Zero Mile end and two at the Rahate Colony side, leaving them severely damaged and unusable. With the barriers removed, the decades-old Shaheed Gowari Flyover—also known as the Sitabuldi Flyover—is once again vulnerable to damage from overloaded vehicles. The decision to dismantle the barriers came after two back-to-back collisions: a cement mixer hit the structure on Wednesday night, followed by a bus crash on Thursday evening. This is the second failed effort to safeguard the flyover in under a year. In



August 2023, the PWD installed barriers worth Rs 15 lakh, which were damaged within days. Hoping to fix the issue, authorities installed a stronger version this week, spending another Rs 25 lakh. The outcome: Rs 40 lakh of public money gone, with nothing left but twisted metal—all within nine months. A PWD official, clearly frustrated, placed part of the blame on the Nagpur City traffic police. "There should have been a 24/7 traffic checkpoint at both ends of the flyover, at least for a month, to familiarize drivers with the restriction. But the traffic department refused to

cooperate, citing internal constraints," he said. Even though seven incidents were reported, only two FIRs were filed—one each at Bajaj Nagar and Sitabuldi police stations—for damage to public property. The lack of proper action and coordination between civic and police departments has raised serious concerns about accountability. What was meant to improve safety has instead turned into a clear case of poor planning, weak execution, and no follow-up. As of now, the Gowari Flyover is back to square one—open and at risk from the very danger the barriers were supposed to stop.

## Two teens killed in hit-and-run accident near Dnyaneshwar Nagar Gate in Ajni

**Nagpur 6 June:** Two teenagers lost their lives in a fatal hit-and-run accident in the Ajni Police jurisdiction during the early hours of Friday, June 6. The accident took place around 12:45 am when a speeding white pickup vehicle rammed into a motorcycle near Dnyaneshwar Nagar Gate and fled the scene. The deceased were identified as Nitin Rajendra Katre (18) and Komal Bhagwati Yadav (17), both residents of Balaji Nagar, Kalamna. According to police, Komal was riding pillion on Nitin's Pulsar motorcycle (MH 49 CP 0482) as they returned home from work. The pickup driver, allegedly driving at high speed in a reckless and negligent manner, struck the motorcycle on the road connecting Manewada Chowk to Tukdoji Square. Both teens fell off the bike and sustained serious injuries. They were rushed to Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), where doctors declared them dead on arrival.

## WELCOMING A FLAMBOYANT LEADER....



Congress leader Girish Pandav and other office bearers & activists welcomed All India Congress Committee member and Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee working president MP Praniti Shinde on her arrival in Nagpur recently. Various issues of significance especially the upcoming local body polls were discussed in the subsequent meeting.



PERPETUAL CONCERN...



Elements involved in illegal transport of sand have removed sand and soil from an important road stretch leading to educational institutions in Chikhali region of Buldhana district. Transport of sand on a massive scale to and from the road stretch have in turn damaged it and potholes have developed at several places as a result. Students can be seen here traversing through hazardous potholes which literally become small ponds during monsoon and pre monsoon showers. The possibility of a mishap or any untoward incident cannot be ruled out and locals have urged authorities to do the needful to deal with the menace.

## Majhi Vasundhara Abhiyan evokes enthusiastic response

**GHATANJI/NAGPUR POST:** This year's tree plantation started from the point of view of Ghanatani city on World Environment Day. The 'tree plantation' program was organized from the Shiva Temple Khapari Naka in the city. Without adopting life practices with the panchayat of earth, gas, water, fire, and sky, we will not be able to live with nature and no biodiversity existence. Pollution control of tree planting, protection of biodiversity prevents soil incense, water storage and water cycle balance, heat control, mental and physical health. More than hundred trees were planted in this program and this year, the target is to plant 25 thousand trees of different species. It is planned to plant the entire city by planting trees. They have been planned for the conservation of the tree. The program was started this year's plantation by planting trees at the hands of Administrator and Chief Officer Raju Mahadevrao Ghodke Municipal Council Ghatanji. On this occasion, Water Supply Engineer Dnyaneshwar Gharde, Engineer Roajar Narankar, Roshan Tayde, Vivek Sasane, Tax Determination and Administrative Officer Ganesh Jadhav, Sagar Waware, Gangadhar Ingole, Sameer Sheikh and all Employees as well as Vijay Ramteke, Dhanubhau Petewar, Golubhau Fuse, Manish Borkar etc. were present.

Tree planting is an essential and moral responsibility to balance the environment and create a healthy environment for future generations. It is not enough to just plant trees, it is the real responsibility of survival to our city to be clean, beautiful, green through labore.

Raju Ghodke, Chief Officer and Administrator

## Woman injured in sloth bear attack

**Chikhaldara 6 June:** A 60-year-old woman was injured in a sloth bear attack near Khandu river at Kanheri village in Chikhaldara tehsil around 7:30 am on Thursday. The sloth bear attacked her while she was working in a field. Farmers working nearby rushed to her rescue. On seeing people approaching, the sloth bear fled. The woman was taken to Churni Rural Hospital. After receiving primary treatment, she was referred to the district hospital. The injured woman has been identified as Phulkey Chhotelal Kasdekar, a resident of Kanheri.

Her treatment is ongoing. It is reported that the sloth bear had come to eat the fruits of the Mahua tree and attacked the woman during that time. Even today in Melghat, oil is extracted from the seeds of Mahua fruits and used for various purposes.

## Tiger kills elderly man, victim's skull only portion of body left behind

**Churani 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** In a gruesome incident, a 60-year-old man was killed by a tiger in the forest near Harisal, leaving only his skull behind. The deceased has been identified as Mannu Babla Jawarkar, a resident of Harisal, who had gone to collect firewood on June 2 and went missing. Jawarkar earned his living by collecting and selling firewood in the village. Due to his poor financial condition, he ventured into the forest as usual but never returned. After his family and villagers searched for two days, his skull was found in the Shevarimunda forest, 2 km from Chorakund road, on June 4. Further inspection revealed that the rest of his body had been entirely consumed by the tiger. His son informed the forest department and Dharni police, who confirmed tiger paw marks around the remains.

**Immediate relief of Rs 10 thousand**

Melghat MLA Kevalram Kale visited the family and facilitated emergency aid of Rs 10 thousand from the forest department. He discussed preventive measures with officials to avoid future attacks. Present at the site were ACF Mogre, RFO Dait, and villagers.

Only the skull of Mannu Jawarkar was found 2 km inside the forest from Shaurya Kund road. We conducted the panchnama. The entire body was eaten by the tiger. Paw marks were found around the site, said Ashok Jadhav, Dharni Police Inspector.

Relief will be provided as per government norms once police and medical reports are submitted. Citizens should avoid venturing deep into the forest and take necessary precautions, said Suman Solanke, Deputy Conservator, Wildlife Gugamal, Chikhaldara.

## BJP activists conduct tree plantation drive

**ARNI / NAGPUR POST:** On the occasion of World Environment day, Bhartiya Janta Party conducted tree plantation drive at Krida Sankul. Modi government's 11th year of Sankalp Se Siddhi and social commitment, BJP's newly appointed president Nikhil Brahmarkar, Vilas Raut

## Four fatal tiger attacks in two years in Melghat

**Dharni 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** The tiger attack that killed Mannu Jawarkar marks the fourth human fatality due to tiger attacks in the Melghat region over the past two years. This is the second such incident in just three months.

Tigers are increasingly venturing out of core zones into forest-adjacent villages. Of the four reported cases, three occurred during the day and one at night, spreading fear among the local population. Forest and local officials have visited the site and conducted a panchnama.

Residents are demanding immediate financial aid for the bereaved family and a trap to capture the tiger. The recurring attacks have reignited the man-animal conflict debate, prompting calls for long-term preventive measures.

**Past Incidents:**

■ June 12, 2023: Rajesh Ratiram Kasdekar (28) from Kara was attacked while collecting bamboo near Matakol camp.

■ November 3, 2024: Hariram Dhikar from Kesarapur was killed while chopping wood in the forest.

■ March 3, 2025: Vinod Chimte (26) was attacked near Jamli village while returning home by bike after selling fish.

■ June 4, 2025: Mannu Jawarkar (60) was attacked while collecting firewood in the forest near Harisal.

## Environment Day celebrated with tree plantation drive

**MAREGAON/NAGPUR POST:** While June 5 is being celebrated as Environment Day, the Maregaon Nagar Panchayat has celebrated this day by planting trees in the city. Tree plantation was inaugurated in the Nagar Panchayat premises and a resolution has been made to plant as many as 25 thousand trees in many places in the city.

On this occasion, Nagar Panchayat Vice President Harsha Mahakulkar, Councillors Chhaya Kinake, Nandeshwar Asutkar, Hemant Naranje, Chief Officer Shashikant Babar and all officers/employees of the Nagar Panchayat were present. Considering social responsibility, tree plantation programs are often organized in the city by charitable organizations and individuals, but instead of being protected, the planted trees are being neglected. Due to lack of protection, the

## Man caught red handed selling illegal foreign liquor

**Amravati 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** In a crackdown on illegal liquor sales, Rajapeth Police arrested a man red-handed and seized foreign liquor worth Rs 11,940 from him. Acting on orders from Senior Police Inspector Punit Kulat, DB Constable Manish Karpe and his team were patrolling in Rajapeth on June 4 when they received a tip-off about illegal liquor sales near Gadre Chowk, Rajapeth Flyover. The police immediately conducted a raid in the presence of panch witnesses and arrested the accused, Prajwal Govind Verma (26), a resident of Shirala, Walgav, Amravati. Various brands of foreign liquor worth Rs 12 thousand were seized. The operation was successfully carried out under the leadership of Police Commissioner Arvind Chawariya, DCP Ganesh Shinde, ACP Arun Patil, and PSI Milind Hivare, with the assistance of officers Manish Karpe, Pankaj Khate, Vijay Raut, Ravi Likhitar, Sagar Bhajgaware, and Arjun Kadam. A case has been registered against the accused, and further investigation is underway.

## Unidentified man found hanging near Yerla village

### Suicide or foul play, people wonder

**Morshi 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Panic gripped Yerla village near Morshi when the body of an unidentified man, around 55 years old, was found hanging from a tree near a stream on the afternoon of June 3, around 3:30 PM. Locals informed the police after discovering the body. Under the guidance of Police Inspector Nitin Deshmukh, a police team arrived at the location, removed the body, and began an investigation. The deceased was found wearing a green full-sleeve vest and blueish track pants. His identity remains unknown. Authorities have appealed to the public for information and requested anyone with details to contact Police Inspector Nitin Deshmukh at 9923042565. The police are investigating whether the case is a suicide or a murder. The body has been sent to the Morshi hospital for post-mortem.

## Chaitanya Group celebrates World Environment Day

**DARWHA / NAGPUR POST:** World Environment Day was celebrated with enthusiasm by Chaitanya Group of Sports. Guidance was given on the topic of environment. Ganesh Bhojar, President of Chaitanya Group of Sports, was in the chair. Shyam Pande, Head of Taluka Seed Ankur Abhiyan, Vijay Kale Palaskar, and runner Sutrasen Bhitkar were present as the chief guests. On this occasion, Ganesh Bhojar, Shyam Pande, Vijay Kale Palaskar, and Sutrasen Bhitkar guided the players on the topic of environment.

The dignitaries appealed to the players to work for the protection of the environment. Shyam Pande conducted the program. Milind Pande expressed vote of thanks.

## Farmers deprived of heavy rain funds

**GUNJ/NAGPUR POST:** Heavy rains in Gunj revenue mandal have caused extensive damage to crops. However, they have not received the subsidy yet. The farmers who have been given the thumbs up are running around the bank. They are having to return from the bank as the amount has not been deposited in the account. Farmers in some villages of Gunj mandal have received heavy rain subsidy. While some farmers are deprived. Lists of farmers who suffered losses due to heavy rains during the Kharif season were prepared and submitted to the Mahagaon Tehsildar. The subsidy was deposited in the accounts of farmers in some villages. However, the deprived farmers are running around the bank. Now that the sowing days are approaching, the farmers hope that if they get the assistance, it will be used to purchase seeds and fertilizers. However, the farmers have to wait for the subsidy amount. It is being demanded that the seniors pay attention to this.

## Month long series of thefts terrifies residents of Yerad (Bazar) area


**Chandur Railway 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A surge in thefts over the past month has left residents of Yerad (Bazaar) and surrounding villages living in fear. These incidents fall under the jurisdiction of Talegaon Dashasra Police Station. Thieves have been targeting homes in Yerad, Kharbi Mandavgad, Belora, Mogra, Eklara, Chandur Kheda, and Santanpur during the late-night hours. Villagers report that the burglars stay on the outskirts between 11 PM to 12 AM and carry out thefts between 1 AM to 3 AM, often locking residents inside. As a result, many villagers are staying up all night and patrolling their neighborhoods. The situation is particularly challenging for farmers, who have to work in the fields early in the morning, affecting their health due to lack of sleep. Notable thefts include break-ins at the homes of Ashish Deshmukh (Yerad) and Ravi Hadke (Sultanpur), where cash and gold worth lakhs were stolen. A recent attempt in Mogra failed, but a motorcycle was stolen instead. Despite these incidents, the thieves remain at large. Residents are urging police to conduct regular night patrols.

## Man accused of sexually assaulting minor daughter arrested

**Amravati 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** In a deeply disturbing case, a police constable posted in a rural police station in Amravati district has been arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting his 15-year-old daughter. The incident came to light when the minor girl approached Rajapeth Police Station on June 4 and filed a complaint.

The accused, a resident of the Rajapeth area, allegedly forced physical relations on his daughter when she was just 15. Though traumatized, she kept silent for years. However, on June 4, when the accused attempted to assault her again, the girl escaped and reported the matter to the police. Following her complaint, a case was registered, and the accused father was arrested.

Rajapeth Police Inspector Punit Kulat confirmed that a case has been registered and further investigation is ongoing. Police Superintendent (Rural) Vishal Anand stated, "The departmental report is still awaited. Action will be taken accordingly."



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Appendix IV {Rule 8 (1)} **SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE** (For Immovable Property)

DT:- 03/06/2025

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of The Yavatmal urban Co-op. Bank Ltd., Yavatmal under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the to repay the amount mentioned in the demand notice Principal Plus Interest Plus Further Interest within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession, in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on this. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the The Yavatmal Urban Co-op. Bank Ltd., Yavatmal for an amount Plus Further Interest thereon.

Branch/ Ac.no./Borrower & Guarantor Name	Demand notice & Possession Dt. & Time, Principal & Interest	Property Details
A/c. No. 179/654 Branch – Ghatanji – 1)shri Vasant premising pawar (Borrower & Morgagor) At po kinhi Ta Ghatanaji Dist.Yavatmal 2) shri ashok sitaram pawar (Guarantor) At po kinhi Ta Ghatanaji Dist.Yavatmal 3) shri.Dhanjay Ramkrushna Bangale (Guarantor) At Istari nagar Ghatanji Ta Ghatanji Dist.yavatmal	Demand notice dt 16/10/2023 Symbolic possession dt. 03/06/2025 At 3.30 pm. to 3.45pm. <b>Principal &amp; Interest</b> Principal Rs.116675 /- + Interest Rs. 4425/- + Further Interest	Immovable Property Of <b>shri Vasant premising pawar (Borrower &amp; Morgagor)</b> At po kinhi Ta Ghatanaji Dist.Yavatmal GRAM P. KINHI TA. GHATAAJI <b>ASEMENT NAKKAL WARD N 1 MALMATTA N 37, AREA 106.45 SQ MTR, 1147.45 SQ FIT BUILT OF AREA 63.81 SQ. MTR</b> with building and structure standing Thereon bounded as under-East- khatal house ,West- lakshman chormale hosue ,North- gajanan maske ,South- road

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section 8 of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.Place – pandharkawda (Gajanan Narayanrao Gahukar) Authorized Officer The Yavatmal Urban Co-op. Bank Ltd, Yavatmal. Branch - Ghatanji (Secured Creditor) Mo. 8308424556



BUSINESS

India needs 6.9K acre, \$9 bn input by 2030 to set up EV infra: Report

New Delhi, 6 June: Nearly 6,900 acre of land and USD 9 billion investments will be required by 2030 for setting up facilities for EV (electric vehicle) manufacturing, lithium-ion battery production and public charging stations, according to Savills India Real estate consultant Savills India has released report 'Charged for Change: How EVs Are Reshaping Indian Real Estate' stating that the EV market in India has witnessed significant growth in recent years, driven by market forces, government policies, rising environmental concerns, and increasing fuel costs. "An investment of USD 7.5 to 9 billion will be required by 2030, primarily for land acquisition and the development of facilities for EV manufacturing, lithium-ion battery production, and public charging stations," the consultant said. In high-adoption scenario, the required investments will be USD 9 billion while USD 7.5 billion will be needed in the case of medium adoption.

The report further estimated 5,760 to 6,852 acres of land by 2030 to support EV manufacturing, lithium-ion battery plants, and public charging infrastructure. Srinivas N of Savilla said, "Aligning with India's target of achieving 30 per cent EV penetration by 2030, the real estate sector is expected to experience significant growth."

Adani Airports clinches USD 750 Mn Global Financing to power next phase of growth

Ahmedabad 6 June: Adani Airports Holdings Ltd (AAHL), India's largest private airport operator and a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Limited, has raised USD 750 million via External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) from a consortium of international banks. The transaction was led by First Abu Dhabi Bank, Barclays PLC, and Standard Chartered Bank. The proceeds will be used to refinance existing debt, invest in infrastructure upgrades, and capacity expansion across the six airports viz. Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Mangaluru, Jaipur, Guwahati, and Thiruvananthapuram; scale the non-aeronautical businesses, including Retail, F&B, Duty Free and services across the airport network. AAHL served 94 million passengers in FY 2024-25 with an overall capacity of 110 million passengers, further it aims to triple capacity to 300 million passengers per annum by 2040 through phased development. As part of this roadmap, the Navi Mumbai International Airport is expected to be operational shortly, adding 20 million passengers in the first phase, with capacity expanding up to 90 million annually in a phased manner, significantly boosting the Mumbai region's aviation infrastructure. "The trust placed in us by leading global financial institutions underscores the long-term value and potential of India's aviation infrastructure. AAHL is well on its path to deliver exceptional customer experiences, leveraging technology for seamless operations, and prioritizing sustainability and community engagement across its airport network," said Arun Bansal, CEO of AAHL. "As we continue our journey, AAHL remains committed to being the Gateway to Goodness, delivering customer-centric solutions and building world-class airport infrastructure that sets global benchmarks in service and sustainability." Latham and Watkins LLP and Linklaters LLP acted as English law counsel to the transaction, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas and TT&A acted as Indian law counsel to the transaction.

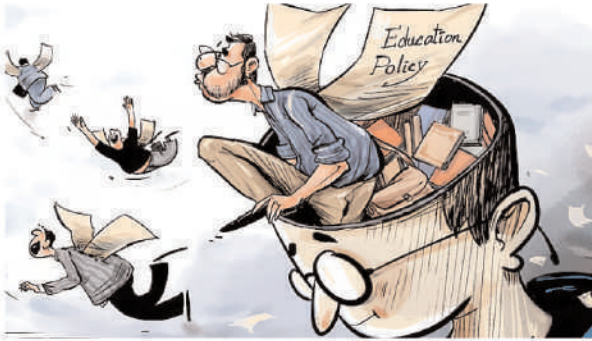
Participate in Defensive Sectors of India - DSP Mutual Fund launches Index Funds on IT and Healthcare sectors

Mumbai 6 June: DSP Mutual Fund announced the launch of two new index funds, DSP Nifty IT Index Fund and DSP Nifty Healthcare Index Fund. These funds aim to provide investors with a strategic way to participate in sectors known for their resilience compared to broader equity markets. Defensive sectors such as Information Technology (IT) and Healthcare have historically exhibited low beta relative to the broader equity market, meaning they are less affected by market downturns, economic crises, or geopolitical events. For instance, during the Global Financial Crisis (Jan - Oct 2008) and the Covid-19 pandemic (Jan - March 2020), Nifty Healthcare and Nifty IT indices outperformed the broader Nifty 500 Index by experiencing lower drawdowns and quicker recoveries. 1 These sectors benefit from diversified global revenues, which reduce their dependence on domestic economic cycles. To put this in context of numbers, ~ 96% of total revenues for the companies in Nifty IT Index come from various global markets other than India. 2 Similarly, ~ 52% of total revenues of companies in the Nifty Healthcare Index comes from global markets. In contrast to these numbers, for companies in the Nifty 50 Index we see only 25% of revenues coming from global markets. 3 The DSP Nifty IT Index Fund aims to replicate/track the Nifty IT Index and would be investing in the top 10 IT companies by free float market capitalization. The Indian IT sector has demonstrated smooth earnings growth with relatively low earnings variability, which helped to reduce earnings surprises. Over the last 12 years, the Nifty IT index has delivered consistent earnings growth, outperforming many other sectors. While the IT sector has underperformed the broader market in recent years, historical cycles suggest potential for a turnaround, making this an opportune moment for investors to consider sector-focused exposure. The DSP Nifty Healthcare Index Fund seeks to replicate/track the Nifty Healthcare Index and would be investing in the top 20 Healthcare companies by free float market capitalization. India's healthcare market capitalization as % of total market capitalization is one of the lowest compared to developed and emerging markets. This may present significant growth potential as India's healthcare infrastructure, insurance penetration, and medical innovation continue to expand. The New Fund Offer (NFO) period for both funds will be open from June 2 to June 16, 2025. "The launch of the DSP Nifty IT Index Fund and DSP Nifty Healthcare Index Fund offers investors a balanced approach to participate in sectors that combine growth with resilience. In uncertain market environments, defensive sectors like IT and healthcare have seen lower drawdowns, with the potential to deliver attractive returns," said Anil Ghelani, CFA, Head of Passive Investments & Products at DSP Mutual Fund. "By strategically including low-beta sectors such as Information Technology and Healthcare, investors can construct a more resilient and efficient portfolio, which may help them optimize returns and effectively manage market risk. Defensive sectors are currently underrepresented in broader indices, and history shows that when underweight, sectors like IT and Healthcare tend to outperform the market over the following year. Our disciplined passive management approach aims to closely track these sectors, helping investors capture structural growth with lower volatility," said Gurjeet Kalra, Business Head - Passive Funds, DSP Mutual Fund.

EDITORIAL

The real push education in India needs

What is the defining purpose of education? Is it to make more people literate, create economic resources for a country, skill its population, reduce unemployment, or more? Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Literacy in itself is no education... By education I mean an all-round drawing out of the best in the child and man-body, mind and spirit." In that vein, education can be viewed as necessary to create thoughtful citizens with the skills to navigate an ever-changing world, who can engage and negotiate with the instruments of democratic rule and create a more inclusive, sustainable future. Today, the world is made increasingly uncertain by conflicts, climate change, and the unfettered growth of artificial intelligence. In these circumstances, education systems need to produce aware, young people with the skills necessary to solve the problems they are likely to face. Mechanical knowledge of subjects is no longer prized; it is the ability to put that knowledge to use that is viewed as important. The twin responsibilities of education systems, therefore, are to prepare young people for life and its challenges, and to ensure each young person learns effectively by providing them the opportunity to do so at their own pace. Given this, where do we stand today? From a policy perspective, setting aside for a moment the political discussions under way in different parts of the



country, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 provides a reasonable framework for progress one that would help achieve the very goals mentioned. However, policy documents are one thing and practical implementation quite another and it is in the latter that progress has been uneven, or we have often been found wanting. First, let's look at the foundation. The latest Annual Status of Education Report notes an uptick in reading and mathematical abilities among schoolchildren after the government's emphasis on early learning. However, that uptick starts from a low base; with only 25-45 percent of children across grades able to read or do simple maths, we are still far from where we need to be. The Unified District Information System for Education report for 2023-24 shows that only 54 percent of all schools have access to the internet while only 50 percent have functional computers for students. Combining our relatively low levels of literacy and numeracy with incomplete access to technology creates an

alarming picture that we need to address quickly. A world that values the ability to use and control technology, has little use for young people who can neither access the necessary information nor use the means to manipulate it.

Only 28 percent of eligible students are enrolled in higher education. While this marks a significant improvement over earlier years, it is too low a number when considering the universe of young people. We have the world's second-largest higher education institutions, with some 58,000 institutions. But the truth is that the quality of these varies greatly, which is why only a few witness a life-or-death competition to enter.

A report by the Confederation of Indian Industry a few years ago showed nearly half the seats in engineering colleges for the mechanical stream had no takers each year. Unfortunately, the solution to low enrolment is not in simply opening more institutions, because as we have experienced, not enough qualified teachers are available to run them.

New normal amid a new cold war

The effect of Donald Trump's return to the White House is being felt in capitals all over the world. At the recently-concluded Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, the spectre of a new cold war rose once again to dominate discussions. In his ASEAN chairman's statement, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim categorically asserted the return of a cold war to systemic interstate relations.

The reference does not augur well for the ASEAN, which has been trying to build resilience within while maintaining a degree of balance between the US and China. The second important aspect of this year's dialogue has been the tough stand India has placed on its recent military stand-off with Pakistan following the devastating terror attack at Pahalgam. The subsequent Indian political and military action against Pakistan has highlighted what the political leadership is calling the 'new normal', signalling that tolerance has its limits.

Both these indicated a changed environment at the Shangri-La Dialogue, especially as they implied certain defining shifts. First, the very definition of the term 'cold war' and how this period will be different from the earlier cold war. Second, the Trump administration's impact on the wider Indo-Pacific and what it expects from the region vis-a-vis the US-China rivalry. Third, the choices for ASEAN states, particularly in light of the extending US-China rivalry. And finally, how this affects the role India plays within multilateral forums and how India's definition of the new normal affects the region.



First, the reference to a new cold war is not new. Even during the first Trump term, a National Security Strategy paper released by the administration in November 2017 clearly reiterated that the foremost threats to American interests and leadership in the global order were from China and Russia, articulating the tensions at systemic levels.

However, as opposed to the earlier cold war, this period is significantly different on two accounts. There is no longer a systemic balance where only these three states determine the course of global politics; several other countries wield both economic and military power that renders them equally significant at the systemic level. Moreover, smaller states and groupings are emerging and constantly redefining themselves to address the evolving challenges in the global order. This has led to the emergence of multiple types of groupings that are bilateral, trilateral and ones like the Quad.

Second, the kind of economic integration visible today, especially among the three most consequential global players, was not there the earlier cold war. So, while the first Trump administration saw the dominating theme of the trade war with China unfold, his second term has, so far, seen relentless flip-

flops on tariff-related matters. Today, China and Russia are integral to the international economy, and their assertions will have ramifications that cut across both economic and security matters.

Interestingly, the statements made by US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth at the Shangri-La Dialogue left little space for confidence in the US's ability to protect its allies or offer any concrete provisions for resolving the geopolitical tensions gripping the region. Both Hegseth and Senator Tammy Duckworth's presence at the Shangri-La Dialogue emphasised the bipartisan approach to wider issues in the Indo-Pacific, even though there was a nuanced distinction in their assessment of the administration's options. While Hegseth articulated a greater role and commitment from the Asian allies, Duckworth's approach on understanding the needs of different states was clearly distinct. Third, ASEAN finds itself in a tight spot—not unusual, considering the events shaping the region. While closer ties to China is a given for most ASEAN states, the emphasis ASEAN had in terms of a duality of approach towards its economic and security ties is no longer applicable. ASEAN's oft-repeated rhetorical statement of China being the foremost economic partner while the US would be the security player no longer holds merit in the deepening discord between the two. The bloc truly finds itself between a rock and a hard place. The impact on the group is bound to pull at the core and its centrality will undoubtedly be tested.

ENTERTAINMENT

Simaran Kaur breaks down on screen in a one-take emotional scene for Jamai No. 1

Mumbai 6 June: Zee TV's popular drama Jamai No. 1 continues to engage viewers with its high-voltage storylines and emotionally charged moments. In the latest twist, the narrative takes a dramatic turn as Neel (played by Abhishek Malik) is wrongfully arrested in a shocking molestation case filed by Sayli (Sonal Vengurlekar). Amid the chaos, Simaran Kaur, who portrays Neel's devoted wife Riddhi, delivers a powerful, heart-wrenching performance as she fights to prove her husband's innocence and uncover the truth. What made this particular scene truly stand out was the emotional realism Simaran brought to it. To capture the helplessness, anger, and desperation of a woman standing up for her loved one, Simaran tapped deep into her emotional



reservoir. The intense sequence was shot in a single take—a rare feat, especially for a scene that demanded such vulnerability and emotional depth. Known for her methodical approach to acting, Simaran took time to prepare in solitude, locking herself in her room before the shot to fully absorb her character's emotional turmoil. Simaran said, "The moment I

read the script, I knew it was going to be a challenging yet special scene. I didn't want to 'act' it—I wanted to feel every bit of what the character was going through. It wasn't easy. I locked myself in my room before the shoot, read my script, stayed quiet, and allowed myself to truly absorb the gravity of the situation. I imagined what it would be like to see someone you love being accused of something so devastating—and to feel completely powerless. The emotional rush just took over, and I surrendered completely to the scene. I'm glad the team captured it in one take. As an actor, these are the moments that test your limits, but also leave you deeply fulfilled." Simaran's raw and moving portrayal adds yet another layer of authenticity to Jamai No. 1, making it a must-watch for viewers.

Anushka Merhande learns Kabaddi in 6 hours straight; delivers a power-packed performance in Saru

Mumbai 6 June: Zee TV's Saru has resonated with the audience ever since its launch courtesy of its heartfelt narrative and powerful performances. However, what viewers might not know is the immense preparation and passion that the actors put into bringing each scene to life, particularly Anushka Merhande, who plays the role of Anika. One such moment that recently stood out was a kabaddi sequence between Anushka and Saru (Mohak Matkar) in the show.

The incredible effort Anushka put in to bring authenticity to the performance is definitely applause-worthy. The scene required her to play kabaddi with professional-level finesse, and she committed herself to making her body language look as authentic as possible. Anushka did a crash course in Kabaddi, training intensively with professional players over six hours to quickly understand



the sport's strategy, agility, and physicality. What's more is that the sequence was shot in Rajasthan's sweltering daytime heat. Despite the extreme conditions and even sustaining a minor injury during the overnight rehearsals, Anushka powered through with grit and determination to deliver a convincing and high-energy performance.

Speaking about the experience, Anushka said, "I've never played kabaddi before, but I took it as a challenge and quickly began training with professional players over six hours overnight to understand the

techniques and gameplay as I had to shoot for it the next day. We had overnight rehearsals and then shot the outdoor sequence in extreme heat the next day with all the safety measures, which really pushed my limits. That's not it, I even ended up with a minor injury during the preparations, but honestly, it's experiences like these that help you grow as an actor.

I think such sequences push you out of your comfort zone and make the journey all the more memorable. I'm really grateful to the team for their support, and I hope viewers enjoy watching the scene as much as we enjoyed shooting it."

Clearly, with actors like Anushka going the extra mile, Saru will continue to raise the bar for storytelling on television, reinforcing its heartfelt message of empowerment through education. To know more, tune in to Saru every day at 7:30 PM, only on Zee TV!

Zee TV actors raise awareness on plastic waste and environmental responsibility on World Environment Day

Mumbai 6 June: As the world comes together to mark World Environment Day 2025 with the pressing theme of 'Ending Plastic Pollution', popular faces from Zee TV are stepping up to share not just their concerns but also the conscious choices they've made in their everyday lives. Zee TV actors like Simaran Kaur in Jamai No. 1, Aishwarya Khare in Bhagya Lakshmi, Shakti Anand in Kumbh Bhagya Lakshmi, Mohak Matkar in Saru, Sachin Parikh in Vasudha and Aarya Babbar in Jagriti - Ek Nayi Subah, these actors are sparking meaningful conversations around plastic waste and environmental responsibility. Known not just for their on-screen performances but for the influence they hold off-screen, these actors believe that lasting change begins with personal accountability. Whether it's carrying a reusable water bottle or nudging their crews to choose sustainable alternatives on set, their actions serve as a reminder that real impact often begins with the small, consistent steps we take every day. Simaran Kaur, who essays the role of Riddhi in Zee TV's Jamai No. 1 said, "World Environment Day always makes me pause and reflect. But this year, the theme 'Ending Plastic Pollution' feels especially personal. I still remember walking on the beach as a child, collecting seashells

and feeling the waves wash over my feet. Today, those same shores are littered with plastic waste. That shift breaks my heart. Over time, I've made small but conscious changes—carrying my own water bottle, refusing plastic straws and bags, and choosing products with sustainable packaging. On the sets of Jamai No. 1, I always ask for plastic-free alternatives. These might seem like minor actions, but they add up. Being on a platform where I can influence a few, I feel a deep responsibility to lead by example. Plastic pollution isn't just an eyesore—it's a threat to marine life, our ecosystems, and even our health. We need to treat this crisis with the urgency it demands. It's time we break up with plastic, for good. Our planet is counting on us to do better—and I truly believe we can." Aishwarya Khare who essays the role of Lakshmi in Zee TV's Bhagya Lakshmi said, "Plastic is everywhere, in our homes, in the oceans, and even in the air we breathe. That realisation hit me hard during a beach cleanup I participated in a few years ago. I saw a sea turtle struggling with a piece of plastic, and it was a wake-up call I couldn't ignore. Since then, I've made it a point to reduce my plastic use. I always carry a reusable kit—metal cutlery, a steel straw, and a collapsible cup—it's become second



nature now. I avoid packaged snacks and carry enough water for the day while traveling to the sets. When you're always on the move, like I am, these small changes really add up. I've even inspired a few people on set to do the same, which makes me feel hopeful. Ending plastic pollution isn't just about environmental activism, it's about personal responsibility. It's about making mindful choices every single day. This World Environment Day, let's all commit to reducing plastic in our lives—for ourselves, for each other, and for the generations to come." Shakti Anand, who

essays the role of Karan in Zee TV's Kumbh Bhagya said, "As an actor, I'm constantly on the move—shoots, travel, events, and I've realized how much single-use plastic sneaks into our daily lives. It's almost invisible until you start paying attention. This World Environment Day, I'm making a conscious commitment to reduce my plastic footprint. I now carry a reusable water bottle, my own cutlery and metal straws, and always keep a cloth bag with me. On set, I encourage everyone around me to opt for more sustainable choices too. Change doesn't have to be dramatic—it just needs to be consistent. If each of us takes a few mindful steps, the ripple effect can be powerful. We all have a part to play in ending plastic pollution." Aarya Babbar, who essays the role of Kalikant Thakur in Zee TV's Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah, said, "During a trip last year, I reached the hilltop, which should have been pristine. Instead of clean air and untouched beauty, I was greeted by plastic wrappers and discarded bottles. That stayed with me. It made me realise that even the remotest corners of nature aren't safe from the reach of our waste. Since then, I've promised myself to be part of the solution. I've eliminated single-use plastics from my daily life, no more plastic bottles, grocery bags, or straws.



## Josh is very high': Jitesh Sharma enjoying NECO Master Blaster stint in Vidarbha Pro T20 League

**Nagpur 6 June:** Fresh off his heroics in the IPL 2025, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) batter Jitesh Sharma expressed his excitement to captain NECO Master Blaster in the Vidarbha Pro T20 League, saying the "josh is very high" and he is excited not just to play but to guide the young crop of talents. With Jitesh as captain, the experienced R Sanjay has been appointed vice-captain, a talented further brimming with young and emerging cricketers.

NECO Master Blaster locked horns with the Bharat Rangers in their opening match here in Nagpur on Friday. The side will next meet Nagpur Titans on Saturday before meeting Nagpur Heros on Sunday. "Proud to lead NECO Master Blaster—the josh is very high. I'm excited not just to play but to guide this young group of talented players. This league is a platform for new heroes to



emerge, and we're ready to give it our all," said Jitesh ahead of the first game. All matches will be hosted at the world-class VCA Stadium in Jamtha, Nagpur.

The VPTL features six franchise teams for men and three for women, showcasing a dynamic mix of emerging cricketers, local heroes, and seasoned players from the Vidarbha region. The tournament aims to provide a high-quality platform for homegrown talent and strengthen the domestic

cricket structure in Central India. The Vidarbha Pro T20 League will be available for live streaming on JioCinema, FanCode, and Waves. Additionally, fans can also catch the live telecast of the matches on DD Sports, bringing the excitement of the league to television viewers nationwide.

The six men's franchises selected for the inaugural season are NECO Master Blaster, Orange Tigers, Nagpur Titans, Bharat Rangers, Nagpur Heros, and the Pagariya Strikers. Men's squad: Jitesh Sharma (captain, wicketkeeper), R Sanjay (vice captain), Aryam Meshram, Adyan Daga, Adyan Routham, Akash Kombe, Vedant Dighade (wicketkeeper), Gaurav Dhobley, Ankush Tammiwar, Aditya Khilote, Arya Durugkar, Pratham Maheshwari, Prafulla Hinge, Ananmay Jaiswal, Sarthak Dhabadgaokar, Sanmesh Deshmukh.

## Selection test for players for Vidarbha level Kabaddi tournament to be held at Shivaji Stadium today

**Bhandara 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A selection test will be held at Shivaji Stadium today to select the Bhandara city team for the senior category women and men's Vidarbha level Kabaddi tournament to be held in Amravati. This selection test will be conducted by City Kabaddi Association Bhandara with the approval of the Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (AKFI) affiliated Kabaddi Association Vidarbha Sangh Bhandara. For this, the players will be selected for the Bhandara city team for women and men from the selection test to be held at Shivaji Stadium on Saturday at 8 am. Players participating in the selection test should bring an Aadhaar card and three passport photos. Bhandara District Kabaddi Association President Sunil Fude and Kabaddi Association Secretary Rupesh Kumar Balkrishna Tangle have appealed to players in Bhandara district to participate in this selection test in large numbers.

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATED WITH GUSTO....



Members of Nagpur Garden Club propagated the message of 'Save Environment, Save Trees' on the occasion of World Environment Day.

## Yadav's 'fiver' gives win

**Nagpur 6 June:** After winning the toss, Pagariya Strikers elected to bowl first. Their decision proved correct as they restricted Nagpur Titans to 122 in 20 overs. Following the early hiccups Titans were reduced to 15/3 in 4.3 overs. Opener Aniruddha Choudhari scored just nine runs whereas skipper Wadkar managed to add three. Both became victims of sizzling Lalit Yadav. Then Satyam Bhojar and Jagot Sasan added 46 runs for the fourth wicket partnership before Bhojar was dismissed for 17 in 19 balls. Sasan was then joined by Shubham Dubey in the middle. The duo put on a partnership of 54 runs for the fifth wicket. Jagot Sasan also completed his half century as he scored 56 runs in 47 balls. Shubham Dubey remained unbeaten on 28. For Pagariya Strikers, Lalit Yadav was the pick of the bowlers who took 5/11 in 4 overs. He was well

assisted by Ashit Singh (1/23) and Pushpak Gujar (1/10) who took one wicket each in the innings. In reply, Pagariya Strikers achieved the target losing seven wickets in 17.1 overs. Thanks to opener Mohammad Faiz who played a swashbuckling knock of 46 in just 30 balls hitting five fours and two sixes. After losing three quick wickets, for 2/13, Md Faiz was then joined by skipper Yash Kadam in the middle. The duo added 56 runs for the fourth wicket for partnership before Faiz was dismissed for 46. Kadam played a sensible knock and added 28 in 28 balls. Vishesh Tiwari remained not out on 18 and ensured the victory to his team.

For Nagpur Titans, Sahil Sheikh picked 2/18 in 4 overs. Aditya Sailesh Thakare (1/17), Jagot Sasan (1/23) and Rohit Dattatraya (1/31) were chipped in with one wicket each.

## Drone based surveys to curb illegal mining and promote eco-friendly sand projects launched

**Nagpur 6 June:** Maharashtra Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule has directed the implementation of a pilot tender process for drone-based surveys of minor mineral mining zones across the state. It is a significant move to clamp down on illegal mining activities. The objective is to complete a comprehensive mapping of all mining areas within the next three months, which will not only curb illegal excavation of resources like stone, gravel, and sand but also accelerate the development of eco-friendly initiatives such as artificial sand manufacturing projects. The directive was issued during a review meeting held at the Revenue Minister's office, where officials discussed the advantages of using drone technology for accurate and real-time land surveys.

Bawankule emphasized that data gathered through these surveys must be submitted to District Collectors every three months and uploaded promptly to the state's "Mahakhanij" portal.

"Traditional land surveying methods have several limitations and often fail to detect unauthorized mining activities.

However, pilot drone surveys have shown exceptional accuracy, making them a reliable tool for mineral resource monitoring," said Bawankule. Following successful trial runs, the state government has decided to expand drone-based surveys to all minor mineral mining sites. This initiative will involve setting standardized survey procedures, establishing comprehensive evaluation criteria, allocating necessary funds, and ensuring a transparent tendering

process. "This is a revolutionary step toward greater transparency and efficiency in mineral resource management.

Using drone technology will not only ensure proper royalty collection but also promote environmentally responsible mining practices," Bawankule added.

**Benefits of Drone-Based Surveying**

\* Drones will help track past, ongoing, and potential future mining operations with precision.

\* Detailed information on available stone and sand resources will be readily accessible.

\* Illegal mining operations will be easier to detect and control.

\* The initiative will support sustainable projects like artificial sand production, which can reduce environmental impact.

## Vidarbha T20: Pagariya Strikers beat Nagpur Titans in inaugural match

**Nagpur 5 June:** The inaugural match of the Vidarbha T20 League ended up with Pagariya Strikers clinching a win by three wickets against the Nagpur Titans at the VCA Stadium in Jamtha on Thursday. After winning the toss, Pagariya Strikers elected to bowl first in the match. For Nagpur Titans, Aniruddha Choudhari and skipper Akshay Wadkar opened the innings. They faced an early setback as they were reduced to 15/3 in 4.3 overs. While Aniruddha scored nine in 13 balls, Wadkar managed to add just three runs and Sandesh Durugwar was dismissed without opening his account. Then Satyam Bhojar and Jagot Sasan added 46 runs for the fourth wicket before Bhojar was dismissed for 17 in 19 balls. Sasan was then joined by Shubham Dubey in the middle. The duo put on a partnership of 54 runs for the



fifth wicket. Jagot Sasan also completed his half century as he scored 56 runs in 47 balls. Shubham Dubey remained unbeaten on 28\* in 27 balls to help his team reach a score of 122/8 at the end of 20th over. For Pagariya Strikers, Lalit Manoharsingh Yadav was the pick of the bowlers who took 5/11 in 4 overs. He was well assisted by Ashit Singh (1/23) and Pushpak Gujar (1/10) who took one wicket each in the innings. While chasing a target of 123 on the board,

Dhruv Shorey and Md Faiz opened the innings for Pagariya Strikers. After losing three quick wickets, they were down to 21/3 in 4 overs. Shorey managed to score 8 in 5 balls, Aditya Ahuja added 4 in 5 balls and Shivam Deshmukh scored 4 in 4 balls. Md Faiz was then joined by skipper Yash Kadam in the middle. The duo 56 runs for the fourth wicket before Faiz was dismissed for 46 in 30 balls. Kadam played a sensible knock towards the end, who was well assisted by the impact sub Vishesh Tiwari. While Kadam added 28 in 28 balls, Tiwari remained not out on 18\* in 14 balls to help his team win the match by 3 wickets with 17 balls to spare. For Nagpur Titans, Sahil Sheikh picked 2/18 in 4 overs. Aditya Sailesh Thakare (1/17), Jagot Sasan (1/23) and Rohit Dattatraya (1/31) picked one wicket each in the innings.

## Bhandara Shiv Sena (UBT) activists stage Rasta Roko agitation over closure of road works in city

**Bhandara 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** In Bhandara city, the Public Works Department started the construction of two 2-foot-high cement roads on some roads in the city eight months ago, despite no need and no demand from the public. After working for four months, the contractor and the officials of the concerned department jointly stopped the work, leaving the work of the concerned roads in a half-finished state, causing immense inconvenience to the vehicle owners and citizens coming and going to the city. On behalf of the Shiv Sena Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray faction, no action was taken by the administration despite giving memoranda to the state government, district administration and the concerned department several times, on Thursday, June 5, 2025, the office bearers and Shiv Sainiks of the Bhandara District Shiv



Sena had sat on the road leading to Rajiv Gandhi square in Bhandara city and drew the attention of the district administration. During this protest demonstration, many slogans were given such as complete the construction of the road or vacate the chair and an inquiry should be conducted into the illegal road. Shiv Sena Bhandara District Chief Sanjay Rehpade, City Chief Rakesh Agre, Taluka Chief Tilak Sarve, Gurudev Sakore, Sandeep Gabhane, Devidas Shende, Ramprasad Chaudhary, Nilesh Chamat Sunil Gaidhane, Gopichand

Gomase, Anil Mankar, Balakdas Parteki, Vinod Dahare, Daliram Bhute, Atul Mirase, Sunil Bawane, Ravi Raut, Uzair Khan, Bharam Donode, Phulchand Durade and other Shiv Sena office bearers and Shiv Sainiks were present in this road blockade agitation. A robust police presence was maintained during the protest demonstration. After half an hour, the protesting office bearers and Shiv Sainiks were taken into custody by the police, put in a police van and taken to the city police station, after which everyone was released.

## Jajoo College observes 'World Environment Day' with Tree Plantation and Plastic Elimination Drive



**Wardha 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Eco-Club and the Environment Department of Shiksha Mandal's Shrikrishnadas Jajoo Grameen Seva Mahavidyalaya, Pipri jointly organized a significant Tree Plantation and Plastic Elimination Drive within the campus. The initiative was a part of the college's

commitment to protecting the environment and eliminating harmful plastic, which poses a serious threat to ecological balance. Plastics, being non-biodegradable, are hazardous to both the environment and human health. Keeping this in mind, all forms of plastic waste scattered in the campus were carefully collected and disposed of responsibly. On this occasion, the staff and

students collectively resolved to maintain a plastic-free campus. As a part of the campaign, the entire college premises were cleaned with active participation from students and staff. Furthermore, recognizing that trees are the soul of the environment, the saplings of native species were planted across the campus, symbolizing a greener and healthier future. The initiative was executed under the aegis of the Principal of the college. Dr. Rajesh Deshpande, and the Vice-Principal, Dr. Suresh Pawar, who both planted a sapling on the college campus to mark the occasion. The Co-ordinator of the Eco-Club, Prof. Pravin Bais; committee member, Prof. Sneha Mishra; Environment Department, Co-ordinator, Prof. Shirish Samar, along with Prof. Beena Samuel, Prof. Gopal Upase, and Dr. S. P. Dhanvij, strove hard to ensure the success of the drive.

## Guardian Minister Dr. Pankaj Bhojar to hold Janata Darbar today



**Wardha 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** In order to address citizens' grievances Guardian Minister Dr. Pankaj Bhojar will conduct a Janata Darbar on Saturday, June 7 at 1 PM at the District Collectorate's Planning Department Hall. This

initiative aims to provide immediate redressal to public issues at the administrative level, reducing the need for repeated visits to government offices. Officials from various departments including Revenue, Police, Zilla Parishad, Health, MSEDC, Local Bodies, will be present in this programme. Citizens have been urged to attend and raise personal, social, or scheme-related issues directly with the Guardian minister. Dr. Bhojar is known for maintaining the tradition of public outreach through Janata Darbars and service campaigns even during his tenure as MLA, continues the same as Guardian Minister. The Guardian minister's three-day district tour began on Friday, June 6 with a series of programs including Shivratri Abhishek celebration, BJP office-bearer swearing-in, sand mining awareness meeting, and the Rayatwari Palkhi event.

## Geeta Kelkar wins first prize in District-Level Women Leadership Contest



**Deoli 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** The Media Literacy Rural Development Institute, Bopapur (Dighi), Wardha district, successfully organized the District-Level Women Leadership Development Competition 2025 under its Women Personality Development Program. The prize distribution ceremony was held at the UMED Abhiyan Office, Wardha. Aarti Karanjekar presided over the programme while Dr Gyanda Phanse inaugurated the event. Vivek Deshmukh, Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority, Police Sub-Inspector Ravindra

Based on overall scores, Geeta Kelkar won the first Prize who received Tailoring Machine and 3000 rupees in cash with memento while Kavita Belmkar won the second Prize and Sanskriti Raut emerged as third winner. These prizes were given by the guests.

All participants received consolation prizes. The event was compered by winner Geeta Kelkar, with a vote of thanks by Yogesh Kamble. Event coordination was supported by Rahul Madhare, Vaishnavi Raut, Sneha Pachare, and the institute's volunteers.

## Health & blood donation camp organised in Wadi

**Wadi 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A grand Health and Blood Donation Camp was organized at the Shivarth Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Memorial premises in Wadi by the Vishva Hindu Parishad and the Bishva Dal on the occasion of Shivratri Abhishek celebrations. The program began with a ritualistic worship and milk offering (Dugdhabhishek) to the image of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

Following the inauguration, a free health camp was conducted for the citizens of Wadi with the support of doctors from Shalinitai Meghe Hospital. Simultaneously, a blood donation camp was held in collaboration with Aman Blood Bank. A total of 101 citizens participated in the health check-up camp, while 34 Shiv devotees donated



their valuable blood during the event. The event was organized by local Vishva Hindu Parishad members including Vishal Jadhav, Shubham Dawar, Jitesh Gorde, Ravi Ajit, Pawan Barve, Ajay Patne, Pawan Barbale, Sandeep Mankar, Lokesh Jagtap, Shivam Raj, and Shubham Natkar. The program was graced by the presence of Dr. Richa Dhabarde, Chief Officer of Wadi Municipal Council, along with Harshal Kakade,

Atul Shinde, Venkatesh Batve, Amit Husnapure, Rajnikant Atkari, Mangesh Khorgade (Sankalp Yuva Foundation), Swapnil Karande, and Ramesh Dhote. Valuable support for the event was provided by Vaibhav Raj, Rupesh Rajurkar, Sumit Dhok, Ajay Chincholkar, Pravin Jaiswal, Ankush Barbale, Ansh Naravare, Gulshan Shende, Rohan Waghmare, Vinay Wadichar, Vedant Landge, Shweta Daware, Namrata

Jadhav, Prachi Barbale, Shradha Jagtap, Vidhi Kore, Shivani Mishra, Prajakta Suryawanshi, Prachi Kamble, Achala Gore, Madhuri Barbale, Pranita Thakre, Mansvi Pandey, Kareena Gaikar, Pranita Kshirsagar, and Sakshi Moon. The event concluded successfully with great enthusiasm. The Shiv devotees set an inspiring example of patriotism and community service through this noble initiative.

## Two teens killed in hit-and-run accident near Dnyaneshwar Nagar Gate in Ajni

**Nagpur 6 June:** Two teenagers lost their lives in a fatal hit-and-run accident in the Ajni Police jurisdiction during the early hours of Friday, June 6.

The accident took place around 12:45 am when a speeding white pickup vehicle rammed into a motorcycle near Dnyaneshwar Nagar Gate and fled the scene.

The deceased were identified as Nitin Rajendra Katre (18) and Komal Bhagwati Yadav (17), both residents of Balaji Nagar, Kalamna. According to police, Komal was riding pillion on Nitin's Pulsar motorcycle (MH 49 CP 0482) as they returned home from work.



# Wani Municipal Council leads 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Initiative

Women's SHGs make remarkable contribution to environment conservation



**Wani 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** On the occasion of World Environment Day, June 5, 2025, the Wani Municipal Council, in collaboration with Amrut Mitra and the DAY-NULM department, organized a tree plantation drive under the "Majhi Vasundhara Abhiyan" initiative titled "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" (Women for Tree) at Municipal School No. 7. The highlight of the event was the enthusiastic participation of local women's self-help groups, who voluntarily pledged to care for the newly planted saplings—a significant step toward sustainable environmental protection. The program witnessed the esteemed presence of Wani MLA Sanjay Derkar, former MLA Sanjeevreddy Bodkurwar, Chief Officer Dr. Sachin Gade, Deputy Chief Officer Jayant Sontakke, Forest Officer Vijay Pote, and Pankaj Yewale. The dignitaries took part in the tree plantation ceremony. Prominent women from local groups, including Vanita Khandalkar (President, Kranti Jyoti City-Level Federation), Sonali Tiwari, Vrunali Maske, Durga Virulkar, and members from Daksha, Bhojaji Maharaj, and Riya Self-Help Groups, actively participated. These women have also taken full responsibility for nurturing the

planted trees, setting an exemplary model of community-driven environmental care. The entire event was efficiently planned and coordinated by Advocate Pournima Shirbhate, Head of the DAY-NULM department, under the guidance of Chief Officer Dr. Sachin Gade. Administrative duties were carried out by Nodal Officer Jayant Sontakke, Uttam Hapse, and Vinod Manwar. The event was attended by School Headmaster Gajanan Kasawar, teachers Vijay Chavan and Thakare Sir, heads of various municipal departments, and a large number of local residents. The initiative also aimed at raising awareness about environmental issues among students by involving them directly in the program. The tree plantation drive emphasized that such efforts should not be limited to a one-day event but require consistent care and nurturing. The commitment shown by women's self-help groups reflects their strong sense of environmental and social responsibility. This initiative not only conveyed a powerful message of environmental conservation but also highlighted the emotional bond between motherhood and nature.

# ASP Jagtap should be dismissed from service

**ARNI / NAGPUR POST:** Strict action should be taken against Upper District Superintendent of Police Piyush Jagtap, who went to the house of a journalist with a police convoy and abused him in obscene language and created terror in the family. The Arni Press Club organization has submitted a representation to the Chief Minister and Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis through the Tehsil, demanding that he be dismissed from service immediately.

Upper District Superintendent of Police Piyush Jagtap went to the house of journalist Satish Yetre in Yavatmal with a convoy and abused him in obscene language and threatened to kill the family. He misused the authority



given by the government by displaying hooliganism. The statement also warned that strict action should be taken against him and all those involved in the incident under the Protection of Journalists Act, otherwise a strong protest will have to be launched. Arni Press Club President Arif Sheikh, Vice President Karan Shelkar, Secretary

Chintaman Chahande, Joint Secretary Zafar Pathan, Ganesh Hirole, Ram Pawar, Jafar Sheikh, Naushad Ali, Aniket Kharol, Prashik Muneshwar, Imran Baig, Irfan Raza, Sachin Chahande, Asif Sheikh, Ram Hole, Durgesh Karnewar, Praful Jagdhav, Ramesh Rathod and other office bearers of the press club were present at the time of issuing the statement.

# Tree plantation drive held at Shivaji School on World Environment Day

**Morshi 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** In a bid to raise environmental awareness and preserve ecological balance, a tree plantation drive was organized at Shivaji Higher Secondary School on the occasion of World Environment Day. The initiative was led by the school's NCC cadets and Green Army students. With the cooperation of the Forest Department and the Social Forestry Department, several indigenous species such as Banyan, Neem, Peepal, Ashoka, and Custard Apple were planted in the school premises.

The event aimed to spread a message of environmental conservation from students to the wider community. The event was presided over by Principal Shrikant Deshmukh. Vice Principal Milind Dhakulkar, Supervisor Uddhav Gid, Teacher Representatives Ashok Chaudhary and Sandeep Thakre, Green Army head Shivshankar Bajare, Pradeep Dhote, Akshay Meshram, along with the teaching staff were also present. Principal Deshmukh emphasized the moral responsibility of protecting the environment, stating, "Every sapling planted today will grow into a tree that provides us with shade, oxygen, and ecological balance." Students pledged environmental protection under the slogan "One Tree – One Oath." Parents, citizens, and school staff actively participated in the drive. The success of the event was attributed to the efforts of the NCC officers and Green Army coordinators.

# Elderly man killed in mishap on Chandur Railway road

**Amravati 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** In a tragic road accident on the Amravati-Chandur Railway road on Wednesday evening, a 70-year-old man riding a moped was killed after being struck by a motorcycle. The deceased was identified as Sadashiv Laxman Bhagat, a resident of Kastura Mogra. Bhagat was en route to Mogra village on his Luna when a motorcycle carrying three youths rammed into his vehicle. The trio fled the scene immediately after the collision. Bhagat lay injured near the Hanuman Temple on Pohara Road for a considerable time until a passerby informed the Fraserpura Police. Police rushed to the spot and admitted Bhagat to the District Government Hospital, where doctors declared him dead. A case has been registered against the unidentified bikers, and police are actively searching for the culprits.

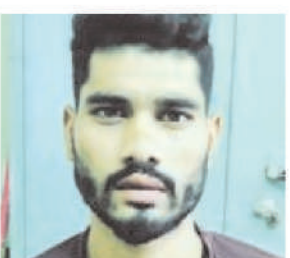
# Art of Living Summer Camp celebrates World Environment Day with hands on science activity



**Amravati 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** In a unique blend of wellness and education, the Art of Living Vidarbha Ashram, in collaboration with My Science Lab and HER (Hygiene Education To Rural) Foundation, organized an engaging science activity session to mark World Environment Day. The initiative was part of the ashram's ongoing Residential Summer Camp, led by Sheetal S. Mahajan, which is designed to support the holistic development of children and teenagers aged 8 to 18. The session offered young participants a chance to explore the wonders of science through interactive experiments, fun games, and live demonstrations conducted by educators from My Science Lab. The activities focused on themes such as sustainability, nature-friendly experiments, and scientific thinking, presented in a format that was both educational and enjoyable. The HER (Hygiene Education To Rural) Foundation played a crucial

role in expanding the program's outreach, ensuring the participation of students from varied socio-economic backgrounds and promoting awareness about the significance of accessible scientific education. "Our aim is to ignite curiosity and confidence among children, especially girls, through accessible science learning," said Bhumita Nikhilesh Sawarkar, Director of HER Foundation. "Science education is not just for classrooms; it must be lived, experienced, and enjoyed." Echoing this sentiment, Kirti Balpande, Director of My Science Lab, added, "We believe in making science fun, approachable, and rooted in everyday life. Events like these help children connect learning with the world around them." The Art of Living Summer Camp also features a range of activities including yoga, meditation, outdoor games, and value education—all conducted in a gadget-free environment designed to foster creativity, mindfulness, and overall well-being.

# Prime accused Zuber Pathan arrested in MD drugs case



**Amravati 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Zuber Afzal Khan Pathan (28), a resident of Haidarpura and the main accused in an MD drugs racket, was arrested by the CIU team on June 5 from the Hatkheda area. He is believed to be the mastermind behind the racket. Earlier, on June 2, the CIU had arrested a youth named Umesh Meshram while he was transporting MD drugs on a two-wheeler from Dastur Nagar to Biyani Chowk. They seized 25 grams of MD drugs and a two-wheeler worth Rs 2.2 lakh from him.

Upon further investigation, Pathan's role in the racket was uncovered. Following this lead, CIU officers apprehended him. Additional information is expected from his interrogation. Police suggest that more names connected to the racket may soon be revealed.

This action was taken under the directives of Commissioner of Police Arvind Chawariya and guidance of DCPs Kalpana Baravkar and Sagar Patil, ACP Kailas Pundkar, and officers Mahendra Ingle, Sunil Lasurkar, Sheikh, Atul Sambhe, Rahul Dhengekar, and Sudhir Gudhe.

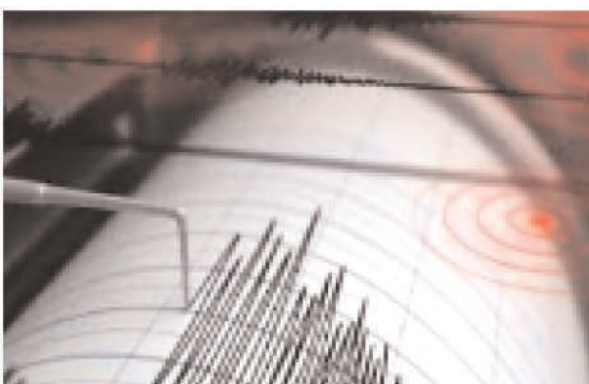
# 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative launched at Swarnleela International School

**Wani 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Alfors Swarnleela International School, located on Nandepura Road in Wani, inaugurated the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" (One Tree in Mother's Name) initiative on Thursday, June 6, 2025, to mark World Environment Day. Under the guidance of the institution's Chairman, Dr. V. Narendra Reddy, the tree plantation program was led by Principal J. Annapurna, Vice Principals Vicky Mohanani and Ramana Sir, along with teachers from various departments. Trees were

planted within the school premises, and all staff members pledged to take responsibility for their care and upkeep. Speaking on the importance of trees, Principal J. Annapurna emphasized the message conveyed by the Marathi saying "Vrukshavalli Amha Soyare" (Trees are our close companions), highlighting the vital roles trees play in our lives and the numerous benefits they provide. The entire school staff was present for the event and participated wholeheartedly. The initiative

# Mild earthquake jolts Melghat region again

**Amravati 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** A mild earthquake was felt in the Melghat region near the Madhya Pradesh border on the night of June 4 around 9:58 PM. The epicenter was located at Shivazari village in Dharni taluka. According to the National Center for Seismology, the earthquake measured 3.8 on the Richter scale. The tremor caused panic among residents in around 100 houses in Shivazari. Mild shocks were also reported in Susarda, Dabra, Ranigaon, and Naradu villages. Alarmed residents ran out of their homes, though no casualties or property damage occurred. Deputy District Officer Anil Bhatkar confirmed the absence of any major losses. Experts noted that recurring



tremors in the Satpuda range may be impacting the natural balance, creating a sense of ongoing anxiety in the local population.

Authorities have urged citizens to stay vigilant and take necessary precautions. The disaster management department has been put on alert.

# Previous quakes in the region

On September 30 last year, a quake was felt at 1:45 PM near Achalpur, affecting areas such as Chikhaldara, Motha, Salona, Chaurakund, Semadon, and Harisal.

Some homes suffered cracks, and fear gripped residents.

# Two burglars arrested in Jalgaon, Rs 1.70 lakh worth valuables recovered

**Amravati 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Rajapeth Police arrested two burglars from Jalgaon district who were involved in a house burglary at Navathe Nagar. Stolen property worth Rs 1.7 lakh, including cash and laptops, was recovered. The accused have been identified as Vitthal Bhalchandra Patil (aged 41 years, resident of Chuchale, Chopda) and Raj Lingam Pitchaimutha (aged 21 years, resident of Adarsh Nagar, Chopda). On May 15, they broke into the locked house of Vinayak Moorthy Palaniswami and stole Rs 1.44 lakh in cash and two laptops. The crime was discovered when the house owner



returned on May 31. Based on CCTV footage and intelligence, the Rajapeth police formed a team and apprehended the duo after two days of investigation in Jalgaon. Seized items included laptops worth Rs 35 thousand and a Pulsar bike worth Rs 80 thousand.

# Woman electrocuted while operating water motor in Rajurwadi

# Three-year-old son loses mother

**Morshi 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A heart-wrenching incident occurred in Rajurwadi village of Morshi Taluka, where a 25-year-old married woman was fatally electrocuted while operating a water motor at 9 AM on June 2. The deceased, Priya Milind Parise (25), daughter of Janardhan Bhimrao Pachare, was trying to fill drinking water when she received a severe electric shock and collapsed on the spot. According to police sources, Priya was plugging in the main pin when the shock occurred. Priya had been married to Milind Parise since 2021 and had a three-year-old son named Aditya. She had been living with her

parents for the past two years. As soon as the police received the information, Shirkhed police station officers, including Beat Constable Santosh Lahane, Manoj Kalskar, and Roshan Kathe, reached the spot and began an investigation. Her body was sent to the Sub-District Hospital in Morshi for post-mortem and later handed over to her family. The cremation was conducted late on June 2 in Rajurwadi in the presence of her husband and in-laws. The incident has cast a pall of gloom over the entire village. Further investigation is being carried out under the guidance of Shirkhed Police Station in-charge, Sachin Lule.

# Stolen motorcycle recovered after 1.5 years, accused arrested

**Amravati 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Thanks to the vigilance of the crime branch, a stolen motorcycle has been recovered nearly one and a half years after it was reported missing. The accused has been arrested and the vehicle seized. On August 1, 2022, Ravi Dilip Shingane (25), resident of Pusda, had parked his Hero Passion Pro (MH 27 BD 2048) near his farm. Upon returning, he found it missing and filed a complaint at Valgaon Police Station. Acting on confidential information, the crime branch arrested Faizan Khan Anwar Khan (24) from Bismillah Nagar, Amravati. During interrogation, he confessed, and the stolen motorcycle was recovered. The



operation was carried out under the guidance of Commissioner Arvind Chawaria, Deputy Commissioner Ganesh Shinde, and officers Sagar Patil and Kalpana Baravkar. It was executed by PI Seema Datalkar, ASI Yusuf Saudagar, and a team including Chotelal Yadav, Shailesh Ardak, Kishor Ambulkar, Naem Beg, Akhtar Pathan, Naresh Mohril, Ramkrishna Kangde, and Rupesh Kale.

# How many victims will the Maregaon-Mardi road take?

**MAREGAON / NAGPUR POST:** A series of accidents is going on the 11 km Maregaon-Mardi road. On May 31, Mohan Pachbhai from Pisgaon died in a two-wheeler accident. This accident has claimed the lives of two people in fortnight. However, as the construction department, which is in a state of apocalypse, is still not waking up, the angry citizens of Maregaon taluka are showing the spirit of the agitation. This is a very busy road in the taluka. This road is in a very bad condition. Due to large potholes on the road and the cutting of the road siding around it, the road is only 7 feet wide in some places. Due to this, accidents have started happening as vehicle owners avoid potholes and vehicles get under the road. Many people have also lost their lives in these accidents. On May 31, Mohan Pachbhai from Pisgaon lost his life after being hit by another two-wheeler while trying to avoid a pothole. Eight days ago, on May 24, a person from Khadki Ganeshpur in Jhari taluka, who had come to father in law house at Pandharkawada in Maregaon taluka, lost his life in an accident between Maregaon and Pisgaon. The work of the 5 km Mardi-Maregaon road has been approved. Tenders have been declared. However, the time for the work of the road has not yet been announced. Citizens are angry as people who travel on this road are suffering from spinal diseases and other diseases.

# LCB Unit II solves 8 major criminal cases in 15 days

**Amravati 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** The Crime Branch Unit-2 has solved eight major crimes in the last 15 days, according to Commissioner of Police Arvind Chawariya in a press briefing held Wednesday. ■ **Murder Case:** Five accused involved in the murder of notorious criminal Suraj Sawte in Nandgaon Peth were arrested from Malkhed forest. Weapons and vehicles used in the crime were recovered. ■ **Robbery & Burglary:** In two robbery cases under Rajapeth Police Station, two suspects were arrested, and items worth Rs 80,000 including a motorcycle were seized. In another case under Gadge Nagar Police, three accused confessed to five thefts. Stolen items worth Rs 1.7 lakh and a motorcycle were recovered. ■ **Drug, Liquor & Gambling Raids:** In Nandgaon Peth, under NDPS Act, 8.135 grams of cannabis and property worth Rs 2.05 lakh were seized. Raids on eight illicit liquor dens in Fraserganj, Rajapeth, and Bhatkuli areas led to the seizure of liquor worth Rs 1.64 lakh. Gambling dens in Badnera, Fraserganj, and Kholapurigate areas were raided; 11 gamblers were detained, and Rs 29,510 was seized. ■ **Arms Seizure & Suspicious Persons:** Three actions were taken under the Arms Act with weapons and vehicles worth Rs 17,500 seized. City Kotwali Police detained a suspect found loitering at night with two stolen mobile phones. These actions were carried out under PI Babarav Avchar and API Mahesh Ingole with officers Sanjay Wankhade, Mahendra Yewthikar, Deepak Sundarkar, Gajanan Dhevie, Astik Deshmukh, Manoj Thosar, Sangram Bhojne, Mangesh Shinde, Vishal Wakpanjar, Yogesh Pawar, Rajik Rayliwale, Sagar Thakare, Chetan Karale, Sandeep Khandare, Rahul Dudhe, and Chetan Sharma.

# Man ends life in Mozari over financial stress

**Tiwasa 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** A heart-wrenching incident occurred in Mozari village where a 54-year-old man ended his life due to rising inflation, irregular income, and mental stress. The deceased, Shrikrishna Sukhdev Pradhan, hanged himself at his home around 1 AM on June 4. He ran a small fruit business and also worked as a laborer. His income had not been sufficient to meet rising expenses, causing emotional distress. According to locals, financial instability and persistent mental pressure led him to take this drastic step. His death has left the village in shock. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and two married daughters.



## Bomb threat at CGO complex in Nagpur sparks panic, no suspicious material found

**Nagpur 6 June:** Panic gripped the city on Friday after the CGO (Central Government Offices) Complex under Gittikhadan Police Station received a bomb threat via email here on Friday, May 6. The incident comes just days after a similar threat was sent to the Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court. In both cases, police found no suspicious items during their investigations. Following the alert, personnel from the Gittikhadan Police Station, along with the Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS), swiftly responded and conducted a thorough search of the CGO Complex premises. Despite the extensive scanning operation, authorities



confirmed that nothing suspicious was recovered from the site. Police officials have registered a case under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and are working to trace the origin of the threatening email. Investigations are currently underway to identify and

apprehend the person responsible for sending the hoax threat. The bomb scare led to heightened security measures in and around the CGO Complex, although normalcy has since been restored. Authorities have urged citizens to remain calm and report any suspicious activity.

## Burglary reported in Wathoda , valuables worth over Rs 1.3 lakh stolen

**Nagpur 6 June:** A case of house burglary has been registered at Wathoda Police Station after thieves broke into two adjoining homes in Ramkrishna Nagar, Dighori, Wathoda, and stole valuables worth Rs 1,32,500. According to police, the complainant Aniket Shivaji Bhosale (32), along with his father-in-law, had gone to Chhattisgarh with family between June 3 at 2:30 PM and June 4 at 8:30 AM. During this time, unknown burglars broke open the main locks of both houses. From Bhosale's residence, thieves stole Rs 50,000 in cash, gold ornaments, and a mobile phone. From his father-in-law's house, Rs 5,000 in cash was stolen. The total stolen property is valued at Rs 1,32,500. Based on the complaint, Wathoda Police have registered a case under Sections 305, 331(3), and 331(4) of the BNS.

## Govt warns forest officials over rising wild animal attacks Emphasis on adopting technology, accountability laid

**Nagpur 6 June:** With a sharp rise in incidents of wild animal attacks on humans across Maharashtra, Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule issued a stern warning to forest officials, stating that any future negligence in handling such cases would result in direct accountability. The warning was delivered during an emergency meeting held at the Mantralaya, chaired by Forest Minister Ganesh Naik. The meeting was also attended by Minister of State Ashish Jaiswal, MLA Parinay Fuke, and senior bureaucrats. Speaking during the meeting, Bawankule expressed frustration over the inaction of officials despite repeated instructions and availability of funds through District Planning Committees. "If there is a shortage of funds, arrangements will be made

immediately. But the lack of seriousness is unacceptable," he said. Bawankule directed that a proposal to adopt modern technology to prevent wildlife attacks be submitted to the Chief Secretary's committee without delay. He also urged forest officials to study global best practices and implement effective technological solutions. Forest Minister Ganesh Naik emphasized the human cost of such attacks, stating, "No amount of compensation can bring back a life.

If forest areas are inadequate, the Forest Department must acquire nearby open lands. We must also explore whether wild animals can be relocated to private wildlife sanctuaries." Minister of State Ashish Jaiswal suggested that certain forest areas be

## Crackdown on MD trafficking in Nagpur: Four held in separate raids by Jaripatka, Yashodhara Nagar police

**Nagpur 6 June:** In a coordinated offensive against the rising menace of synthetic drug abuse, police teams from Jaripatka and Yashodhara Nagar police stations on Thursday, May 5, apprehended four individuals in two separate operations for trafficking mephedrone (MD), a banned narcotic substance. The total seizure is valued at over Rs 1.80 lakh. In the first case, Jaripatka Police arrested two youths, identified as Hitesh Kamalkumar Bikhani of Sai Vasansh Square and Akash Jayram Kevlaramani of Chawla Square. The duo, both reportedly addicted to MD, were caught with 5 grams of the drug. Acting on a tip-off, police detained the suspects and recovered the



contraband during an afternoon operation on Wednesday. During interrogation, the accused admitted to using and selling MD and revealed that they procured it from an external supplier, who is now being tracked.

In a separate action, Yashodhara Nagar Police intercepted two more individuals near Patil Nagar, Bhilgaon, around 6:50 PM. Acting on reliable information, police nabbed Rajat Dilip Nannet (28) and Rakesh Rajkumar Kohale (21),

recovering 15.25 grams of MD powder worth Rs 1.06 lakh. Two mobile phones and a Hero Achiever motorcycle were also seized, taking the total recovery to Rs 1.80 lakh. The accused confessed to possessing the drugs for both personal use and sale. The Yashodhara Nagar operation was conducted under the supervision of DCP Niketan Kadam and ACP Satyavir Bandiwar, led by PI Ramesh Khune and his team. A case has been registered under the NDPS Act, and further investigations are ongoing to identify the larger supply chain. These back-to-back actions highlight the growing presence of MD in urban areas and the active efforts of city police to clamp down on drug trafficking.

## Unidentified man found unconscious near Golibar square, declared dead



**Nagpur 6 June:** An unidentified man, estimated to be around 60 years old, was found unconscious on the verandah outside Raosaheb Akhada, Maudekar's residence near Golibar Chowk in the Tehsil Police Station jurisdiction. Based on information provided by local resident Mukund Premnath Mendhekar (39), police

personnel rushed the individual to Mayo Hospital for treatment. However, doctors declared him dead upon arrival.

Tehsil Police have registered a case of accidental death under the direction of PSI Shahakar. Further investigation is ongoing to establish the identity and cause of death.

## Rokde extends 'Bada Hai To Sundar Hai' offer

**Nagpur 6 June:** This special offer which was to run from May 9 to June 1 will continue for a few more days. In this campaign very attractive discounts are being given on the making charges of diamond jewellery. 100 percent discount on making charges of diamond jewellery up to Rs. 2.5 lakhs, 125 percent discount on making charges of diamond jewellery from Rs. 2.5 to 5 lakhs, 150 percent discount on making charges of diamond jewellery from Rs. 5 to 10 lakhs and 200 percent discount on making charges of diamond jewellery of Rs. 10 lakhs and above. The management of Rokde Jewelers said that with Bada Hai To Sundar Hai, we are celebrating not just beauty but the scale of love, celebration and value. This is our way of expressing gratitude to our loyal customers.

## NMC & Green Vigil Foundation celebrate World Environment Day



**Nagpur 6 June:** The Nagpur Municipal Corporation and Green Vigil Foundation celebrated World Environment Day by conducting public awareness campaigns at World Trade Centre, Sitabuldi and Sitabuldi Market on this year's theme - Beat Plastic Pollution. During the campaign, members of Green Vigil Foundation & NMC Team interacted with citizens, shopkeepers, street vendors on ill effects of usage of single use plastic, eradication of single use plastic, adopting circular economy, urgency of

adopting green living practices & environment friendly lifestyles. The message was also conveyed by various posters and placards focusing on phasing out of single use plastic and adopting sustainable options with change in lifestyles and habits. Surbhi Jaiswal, Team Lead, Green Vigil explained, plastic is non bio degradable, hence, remains in nature for years, plastic carry bags are choking our sewerage system, rivers and oceans are polluted with huge deposition of microplastic, leaving waste food in plastic carry bags are causing death to cattle.

Prominently present during the campaign were Rajesh Bhagat, Deputy Commissioner, NMC, Dr. Ganjendra Mahalle, Chief Sanitary Officer, NMC, Manish Soni, PRO NMC, Dhananjay Jadhav, Asst. Commissioner, NMC, Anup Khandelwal, Vilas Utwarwar, Kisan Agarwal and others. Kausav Chatterjee, Surbhi Jaiswal, Mehul Kosurkar, Sheetal Choudhary, Bishnudeo Yadav, Shriya Jogey, Priya Yadav, Parth Jumde, Tushar Deshmukh, Pinaki Banik along with NMC & NDS Team worked hard for the success of the campaign.

## Surveyors end strike after Maharashtra govt assures pay hike, reforms

**Nagpur 6 June:** The Maharashtra Government is committed to fast, efficient, and transparent governance, with the Revenue Department playing a vital role in that mission. In a positive development, Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule assured representatives of the Land Records Department surveyors that their demands are being taken seriously and will be pursued with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. Following a productive meeting held at Mantralaya with representatives from various surveyor unions, the employees announced their immediate return to duty, effectively ending their strike. The strike had been



called over several demands, the most prominent being the revision of the surveyors' pay scale to S-8 as per the recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission. Minister Bawankule addressed these issues during the meeting, which was also attended virtually by Settlement

Commissioner Suhas Divase. The Revenue Minister directed the Settlement Commissioner to submit a revised proposal for increasing the surveyors' pay scale. The Minister announced that provisions for promotion examinations after five years of service will be

included in the department's 150-day action plan. Minister Bawankule also approved the demand for travel allowances for field duties and issued directives to initiate tenders for the procurement of rovers and laptops essential for surveying tasks. Approval was also granted for the contractual recruitment of peon positions within the department. Minister Bawankule emphasized that the government is taking a constructive and positive approach to the surveyors' demands and urged employees to resume work immediately to prevent disruption to public services. Responding to this, representatives of the surveyor unions expressed gratitude and confirmed their return to work.

## CELEBRATING RESOUNDING VICTORY.....

All 17 candidates fielded by Bharatiya Janata Party have emerged victorious in the recently concluded polls of Bhiwapur Kharedi Vikri Sangh's Board of Directors in Nagpur district. All these winning candidates were congratulated and felicitated at state Revenue minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule's public relations office in Koradi, Nagpur.

## Civic body seeks 240 more e-buses

**Nagpur 7 June:** In a major push for sustainable public transport, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) submitted a proposal to Maharashtra govt seeking 240 additional electric buses under the PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme. This move coincides with civic body's phased scrapping of 237 old diesel-run buses procured over a decade ago under Jawaharlan Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). In a letter to urban development department, municipal commissioner Abhijeet Chaudhari requested 140 standard 12-metre electric AC buses and 100 midi 9-metre electric AC buses. The proposal follows a directive from the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs (MoHUA), which invited cities to indicate if they require additional electric alternatives under the central scheme. Earlier, NMC was allotted 150 electric buses under the scheme and is now

looking to further bolster its clean-energy fleet. The civic body highlighted its preparedness to handle the additional buses, pointing to progress in building depot charging infrastructure and back-end power systems essential for electric operations. Confirming the development, Aapli Bus administrative officer Sonam Deshmukh said the detailed proposal, including technical specifications, infrastructure plans, and required undertakings, was submitted to the state-level steering committee for approval. "The expansion is expected to reduce emissions, improve air quality, and enhance daily commuting experience through quieter and more reliable transport," she said. NMC previously owned 539 buses, including 237 sanctioned under JNNURM. These are being phased out in two stages: the first phase involves auctioning 123 buses, followed by another



114 in the second phase. Currently, NMC operates 150 midi, 45 mini, and 230 electric buses. Of the electric fleet, 184 are AC buses and 46 are non-AC. These buses run on 129 routes with an average of 6,209 daily trips, covering nearly one lakh kilometres and serving around 1.17 lakh commuters each day. This year, another 400 AC electric buses will be added to the Aapli Bus fleet—250 from the state govt and 150 under the PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme. The first batch of 40 centrally sanctioned buses is expected to arrive starting July. Depots for these buses are being developed at Koradi and Khapri, while infrastructure for the 250 state-allotted buses is under construction at Wathoda.

## Nagpur police rescue around 200 bovines in Kamptee ahead of Eid al-Adha

### Crackdown on illegal cattle transport intensifies

**Nagpur 6 June:** In a major crackdown ahead of Eid al-Adha 2025, the Nagpur City Police rescued nearly 200 bovines from illegal confinement in Gandhi Nagar, Kamptee, on Thursday, June 5. The operation was led by DCP Zone V Niketan Kadam and targeted illegal cattle transport and suspected unlicensed slaughterhouses. The rescue operation, carried out by Old Kamptee Police under PI Prashant Jumade and New Kamptee Police led by PI Mahesh Andhare, was launched near Bhaji Mandi in Gandhi Nagar. The teams discovered the animals held in inhuman conditions, and multiple vehicles used for their illegal transport were seized on the spot. Sources said that no one claimed

ownership of the rescued cattle, and vehicle owners are likely to be booked under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and relevant sections of the IPC. Several accused have already been identified, though they are currently absconding. This major bovine rescue comes just days before Eid al-Adha, a period when illegal cattle smuggling activities tend to spike. The Nagpur Police

have increased vigilance and are taking proactive action to curb the illegal trade. In a related development, Sadar Police recently externed seven cattle smugglers for 15 days to deter similar offences. Under the guidance of Police Commissioner Dr Ravinder Kumar Singal, the city police have intensified efforts to tackle illegal cattle transport and slaughter in and around Nagpur.

## Pachpaoli police recover and return 20 lost mobile phones worth Rs 2.49 lakh



**Nagpur 6 June:** In a commendable effort, Pachpaoli Police Station successfully traced and returned 20 lost mobile phones to their rightful owners. Utilizing advanced technical tracking methods, the police located devices reported missing across the Pachpaoli jurisdiction. The recovered phones, spanning various brands and models, are collectively valued at approximately Rs 2.49 lakh. The handover ceremony was conducted at Pachpaoli

Police Station, with Assistant Commissioner of Police (Lakadganj Division) Shweta Khade officiating. The operation was executed under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner of Police Mahak Swami and ACP Shweta Khade, with active participation from officers including PI Baburao Raut, PSI Vishal Sangode, and others. Grateful citizens expressed their appreciation for the police's diligent efforts in recovering their valuable devices.

## To curb crime, Nagpur Police will host informal meeting with retired officers and personnel on June 14

**Nagpur 6 June:** In a move aimed at utilizing the vast experience of retired police officials to curb crime in the city, the Nagpur City Police will host an informal interaction session with retired police officers and personnel on June 14, 2025, at 4:00 PM. The event will

take place at the Auditorium Hall, Police Bhavan, Nagpur. The initiative is being held under the guidance of Police Commissioner Dr Ravinder Kumar Singal, who has invited all retired officers and staff of the department to attend and share their

insights. The meeting seeks to foster collaboration between serving and retired members of the police force to strengthen crime prevention strategies in Nagpur. The Police Commissioner has urged all retired personnel from the Nagpur City Police to

actively participate in the session. For any queries or assistance related to the event, attendees can contact 7385982212. This engagement is part of the department's broader outreach effort to leverage community and institutional knowledge in policing.



## Mumbai man held for raping Nagpur woman, duping her in share market scam

**Nagpur 6 June:** Jaripatka Police have apprehended a 42-year-old man, Kalpesh Shashikant Kakkad, a resident of Vini Classic Apartment, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Kandivali West, Mumbai, for allegedly sexually assaulting and cheating a 47-year-old woman. The accused reportedly became acquainted with the complainant via Facebook, gained her trust, and got engaged to her by promising marriage. In January 2024, he visited her home and allegedly drugged her before forcefully establishing physical relations. Further, by luring her with promises of profits in the stock market, he allegedly collected Rs 12 lakh from her and her brother over time without offering any returns. He also allegedly threatened to circulate her photos and videos online and later refused to marry her. Based on the complaint, police personnel under PSI Atram have registered a case under Sections 376, 376(2)(n), 328, and 420 of the Indian Penal Code and have arrested the accused. Further investigation is underway.



## 'Nagpur Vista' will be built on lines of new Parliament: Speaker

**Nagpur 6 June:** The long-pending expansion of the Vidhan Bhavan in Maharashtra's Second Capital has finally received the green signal. Inspired by Delhi's Central Vista, the ambitious 'Nagpur Vista' project will feature a state-of-the-art legislative complex equipped to meet the administrative and political needs of the next 50 years. The project is expected to be completed within two years. Speaking exclusively to a local Hindi newspaper, Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narvekar confirmed the approval and shared key details of the project. "Keeping future requirements in mind, Nagpur Vista will be developed as a modern, eco-friendly complex without disturbing the heritage structure," he said. Narvekar clarified that the existing heritage building will remain



untouched, and the design of the new structures will complement the old architecture. The final presentation of the project is scheduled for June 25, after which it will be shown to Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis. The groundbreaking ceremony is planned for December, during the Winter Session of the Assembly. "The entire complex will be environmentally sustainable, with large-scale tree plantation planned," Narvekar added. "We've resolved all land-related issues, and work will now proceed in mission

mode." Land belonging to the Government Press — measuring 16,000 square meters — has been allocated for the project. Of this, around 9,000 square meters is currently vacant. An additional 2,000 square meters of triangular land near the Zero Mile stretch leading to Vidhan Bhavan will also be utilized. The new complex will include a modern administrative block, a political museum showcasing Maharashtra's legislative journey, and enhanced facilities for lawmakers. The project design has already been prepared, and a high-level review meeting was held on Thursday in the Vidhan Bhavan, attended by MSRDC MD Brijesh Dixit, PWD Superintendent Engineer Janardan Bhanuse, Chief Engineer Dinesh Nandanwar, architects, and interior designers.

## World Environment Day celebrated at Markandeya Podar Learn School, Wani

**Wani 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Markandeya Podar Learn School in Wani celebrated World Environment Day with great enthusiasm. On this occasion, representatives from AU Small Finance Bank planted saplings on the school premises. The event was graced by AU Small Finance Bank Branch Manager Shridhar Kulkarni, School President Ramesh Sunkurwar, and Principal Bhushan Alone. Speaking on the occasion, Principal Alone emphasized the critical need for greenery in today's world. Kulkarni praised the school for its sense of responsibility and awareness toward environmental protection. Sunkurwar congratulated the staff for successfully organizing the program. The event was cheered and concluded with a vote of thanks by Divya Bhombe. Teachers and non-teaching staff of the school worked tirelessly to ensure the event's success.

## Marathon held in Kalamb to mark 300th birth anniversary of Ahilyabai Holkar

**Kalamb 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** To commemorate the 300th birth anniversary of Punyashlok Rajmata Ahilyabai Holkar, a marathon was organized along Rasa Road in Kalamb on the morning of June 6. The event began at 7:00 a.m. after floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Rajmata Holkar. Minister Ashok Uike and District President Prafull Chavan flagged off the race. Following the marathon, participants were felicitated with certificates and mementoes in front of MLA Ashok

Uike's public relations office. On the occasion, H.B.P. Digambarrao Gadge delivered a heartfelt speech highlighting the legacy of Rajmata Holkar. The event witnessed the presence of BJP Taluka President Manoj Kale, City President Sandeep Vaidya, Taluka Youth Morcha President Anup Bhalerao, Business Wing Head Rupesh Suchak, Women's Taluka President Dr. Madhuri Kevte, Municipal Councillors Sunita Pravin Nimkar, Vaishali Malode, Akanksha Ghode, Zade Madam,

Abhishek Mainde, Deputy Sarpanch Dinesh Wankhede, Ashokrao Phunghate, Harish Bandhate, Satish Arekar, Anil Gunase, Ganesh Walde, Suresh Hore, Firoz Kazi, Naresh Rathod, and Prajit Kothari. Significant contributions to the event's success were made by Vibhav Kale, Hanumant Phulse, Govindrao Pawar, and faculty members from the College of Physical Education — Principal Atul Pandey, Professor Sanjay Ghumanar, and Professor Dilip Ladhe.

## Senior citizen killed in tragic road mishap

**Kalamb 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** In a tragic accident on the morning of June 6, 2025, Ramdas Ganpatrao Deshkar (65), a barber and farmer from Nehru Chowk, Kalamb, lost his life after being hit by a speeding truck near the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Flyover on Yavatmal Road. Deshkar, who was returning home on his bicycle from his farm on Kotha Road, was crushed under the rear wheels of a truck that was reportedly speeding and being driven negligently. The incident occurred around 10:00 a.m., resulting in Deshkar's instantaneous death. As news of the accident spread, a large number of local citizens gathered at the spot along with police personnel. The police took immediate action by seizing the truck and sending the body for a post-mortem at Kalamb Rural Hospital. The last rites were performed at Kubdapura Mokshadham in a sorrowful atmosphere in the presence of family and townspeople. Deshkar is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, a son-in-law, and a daughter-in-law.

## District Collector leads tree plantation drive under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign

**Amravati 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** In line with the appeal of Guardian Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule, District Collector Ashish Yererekar planted a Peepal sapling in the name of his mother under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative on World Environment Day. The plantation took place at the District Collector's premises in the presence of Additional Collector Govind Dane, Resident Deputy Collector Anil Bhatkar, Deputy Collectors Dnyaneshwar Ghyar and Vivek Jadhav, and Personal Assistant to the Guardian Minister, Vipin Pise, among other officials and staff. A massive plantation drive will be conducted across the district



August 15.

from June 5 to August 15, 2025. This campaign will see active participation from the district administration, government departments, schools, colleges, and NGOs. Minister Bawankule emphasized the importance of balancing industrial development with environmental preservation, urging all citizens to participate actively in the plantation drive. Collector Yererekar, addressing the gathering, stressed the need to leave behind a balanced environment for future generations. He urged every citizen to plant and nurture at least one tree. A review of the plantation activities will be conducted regularly until

## Divisional Commissioner calls for effective implementation of 'Green Maharashtra'

**Amravati 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Divisional Commissioner Shweta Singhal led a tree plantation drive on World Environment Day at the Divisional Commissioner's Office, promoting the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative. She called upon every citizen to plant a tree in their mother's name within their residential premises as part of their social responsibility. Commissioner Singhal urged effective implementation of the State Government's "Green Maharashtra, Prosperous Maharashtra" campaign in the Amravati division. Additional Commissioner Ramdas Siddhabhatthi, Ajay Lahane, Deputy Commissioners Santosh Kawade and Rajiv Phadke, along with



collective pledge was also taken to earnestly implement the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign.

other staff members, participated in the event. Commissioner Singhal emphasized that government officials and employees should lead by example in tree plantation activities. The state government has set a target of planting 10 crore trees under the campaign, with the goal of achieving it by August 15. Regular monitoring and status reviews will be conducted. Commissioner Singhal called on all departments to contribute actively to strengthen the green initiative, highlighting its importance for oxygen production and combating global warming. A

### Four schools of Rahul Vyayam Prasarak Mandal excel in 'Majhi Shala, Sundar Shala' campaign

**Amravati 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** In the state-level "Mukhyamantri Majhi Shala Sundar Shala" campaign organized by the Education Department of the Maharashtra Government, four schools operated by the Rahul Vyayam Prasarak Mandal, Amravati, achieved remarkable rankings at the district and taluka levels. Under the 2024–2025 academic year campaign, schools across the state were evaluated through online and on-site inspections. They were graded on various academic, infrastructural, and social parameters. Siddharth Vidyalaya and Junior College, Paratwada secured second place at the district level; Shahu Maharaj Vidyalaya and Shri Vasantdada Patil Junior College, Salod (Tq. Nandgaon Khandeshwar) earned first rank at the taluka level; Shri Dadasaheb Gavai Vidyalaya and Karmaveer Dadasaheb Gaikwad Junior College, Ratnapur (Tq. Dharni) secured second place, and Milind Vidyalaya, Gaurekheda (Chandai) in Daryapur taluka earned third place. The institution's founder-president, Samajbhushan Madhukarrao Su. Abhyankar, Kanta Abhyankar, president Kshitij M. Abhyankar, Jaykumar Abhyankar, vice-president Shubhangi Thete, secretary Gajanan Wankhade, director Shubhangi Abhyankar, joint secretary Satish Pundkar, along with principals and staff of the respective schools, congratulated all teachers, students, and parents on this achievement. Rahul Vyayam Prasarak Mandal was established to provide quality education to students from the Bahuji community. All our schools offer digital learning, cleanliness, science labs, computer access, libraries, clean drinking water, and proper sanitation facilities.

## Surge in illegal cattle transport ahead of Bakri Eid

**Anjangaon Surji 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** In view of the upcoming Bakri Eid festival on Saturday, there has been a noticeable surge in the transportation of cattle for sacrifice in Anjangaon Surji town and surrounding areas. This has posed a major challenge for the police administration to curb illegal cattle slaughter. Bakri Eid is a religiously significant festival for the Muslim community, during which animal sacrifice is performed as a part of tradition, within the legal framework. However, slaughtering cattle such as cows, bulls, and calves is prohibited by law in Maharashtra. Despite this, open transportation of cattle continues in various parts of the taluka, causing discontent among local citizens. Large sheds have been erected in certain parts of the town to hold cattle, and locals allege that the police are aware of these setups but are not taking action. In some instances, affluent individuals have reportedly purchased cattle and are keeping them in front of their houses or in farms for Eid. Patrolling has been increased in both urban and rural areas, and checkpoints have been set up. Two days ago, action was taken against beef transportation. Patrolling will be intensified further in the next two days. The police administration is committed to preventing illegal cattle slaughter and will take all necessary precautions, Anjangaon Surji PI Avtarsingh Chavan, said.

## Achalpur Taluka grapples with pre monsoon neglect

**Pathrot 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Villages in Achalpur taluka are plagued by various issues, with residents facing new hardships daily. Despite the onset of the monsoon season, there has been no concrete planning by the local administration or gram panchayats. Citizens are disheartened by the lack of action on drainage cleaning, road repairs, streetlight maintenance, and potable water supply. Although drainage systems exist in many villages, they are rarely cleaned, leading to waterlogging and muddy roads. In some areas, drain water even enters homes, posing serious health hazards. While streetlights have been installed by local gram panchayats, they are either malfunctioning or glowing during the day and switching off at night. This results in darkness during the evening hours, causing inconvenience to the elderly, women, and students. In some areas, poles exist without lights, and in others, lights remain non-functional. Though the government's "Har Ghar Nal" scheme appears successful on paper, in reality, many villages lack clean drinking water. In some cases, contaminated water is being used, resulting in an increase in health issues such as stomach infections, gas, acidity, indigestion, and kidney stones.

## Disabled citizens deprived of toll exemption due to vehicle ownership clause

**Anjangaon Surji 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** Although the Central Government has provided toll tax exemptions for disabled persons, the condition that the vehicle must be owned by the individual has left many economically disadvantaged disabled citizens deprived of this benefit. There is now a heartfelt plea to Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari to relax this rule. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, New Delhi, has defined special categories eligible for toll exemption on national highways. While concessions are available for disabled individuals, they are limited only to four-wheelers owned by them. As a result, those who do not own a vehicle cannot avail the exemption. Most disabled individuals, especially in rural areas, are financially weak and cannot afford to purchase a personal vehicle. They often travel in hired vehicles for work, education, or medical needs. Yet, despite possessing a UDID card, toll exemptions are denied. The demand to extend toll relief based on UDID cards has received widespread support across the state, with hopes for policy amendments soon. When traveling in rented vehicles, disabled individuals frequently face disputes at toll plazas and are forced to pay charges, imposing financial strain. Due to the ownership condition, only wealthy or well-off disabled individuals benefit from the scheme. Whether or not a disabled person owns a vehicle, they should receive toll exemption based on their UDID card. Poor disabled individuals cannot afford four-wheelers. We urge the central government to amend the rule and extend the benefit to all cardholders, said Dr. Satish Laddha, Disabled Welfare Association, Beed.

## Bird behaviour offers reliable signs of weather changes

**Pathrot 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** For rural communities closely connected to nature, the behavior, sounds, and movements of birds are invaluable indicators of weather changes—particularly the arrival of monsoon. Though meteorological departments use modern technology for weather forecasts, nature lovers and farmers have long relied on bird behavior to predict changes. Cuckoos, crows, and sparrows display distinct behaviors before rainfall. The cuckoo's melodious call, crows cawing in groups, and the increased activity of sparrows are all considered signs of impending rain. The black-and-white spotted "Titor" bird, known for its "Kodayan Keko" call, also signals nearby rainfall. Another remarkable bird is the "Chatak," which migrates from Africa and looks skyward, waiting for raindrops while making a unique "Piu Piu" sound—

seen as a living symbol of the monsoon's arrival. The call of the "Pavsha" bird—believed to say "Start sowing"—is a well-known sign among farmers that the time for plowing and sowing has arrived. Hence, it is also called the "Rain Messenger." The vividly colored "Navrang" bird is another trusted weather indicator. Its unique call is often followed by cloud formation and rainfall. Additionally, birds like the "Blue-eared Kingfisher," "Tiboti Khandva," and "Chhota Khandya" are often spotted near water bodies before rains, indicating changes in humidity levels. The calls of the water hen and peacock are also signs of approaching rain. Especially, a dancing and calling peacock is seen as nature's announcement of monsoon. From a scientific perspective, rising atmospheric humidity alters bird calls, as their sensitive senses detect weather changes earlier than humans.

## Gadge Nagar police rescue 32 cattle from illegal slaughterhouse

**Amravati 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Acting on a tip-off, the Gadge Nagar Police, along with their Detection Branch team, conducted a raid in Abubakar Nagar and rescued 32 cattle from being illegally slaughtered. The operation took place on Thursday. All rescued cattle were safely shifted to a local cattle shelter. The raid followed directives from Police Commissioner Arvind Chawaria, who instructed all police stations to intensify surveillance against illegal cattle slaughter. The Gadge Nagar Police conducted regular patrols and, upon receiving confidential information, raided the location and found 32



bovines illegally kept for slaughter. The operation was a joint effort of the police station and the DB team.

## Amravati district ranks first in DBT scheme implementation

**Amravati 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** Amravati district has secured the first rank in the state for implementation of the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme. Out of 2,48,724 registered beneficiaries, 2,11,139 have Aadhaar verification, and 1,75,469 have successfully received financial assistance. Since the launch of the DBT process in December 2024, thousands of beneficiaries under the Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana and Shri Van Bal State Pension Scheme have received grants directly into their Aadhaar-linked bank accounts. As of May 2025, Amravati leads the state in registrations and fund transfers through the DBT portal. According to the government decision effective from January 2025, only Aadhaar-verified beneficiaries are eligible for support through DBT. As of June 2, 2025, 87,073 beneficiaries are registered under the Niradhar Yojana, of which 75,977 are Aadhaar-verified, and 62,400 have received the May grant. Similarly, in the Shri Van Bal Scheme, 1,61,651 beneficiaries are registered, 1,35,162 are verified, and 1,61,069 have received assistance. Many beneficiaries have multiple bank accounts, and grants are being transferred to the Aadhaar-linked one. Authorities have appealed to all beneficiaries to ensure their scheme-related bank accounts are linked to Aadhaar.

## Ahilyadevi Holkar Jayanti celebrated by Barber Association in Warud

**Warud 6 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** The birth anniversary of Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the Barber Shop Owners' Association at Sant Shri Nagaji Maharaj Samaj Bhavan, near Sai Temple in Warud. On the occasion, a floral tribute was offered to the portrait of Ahilyadevi Holkar, and the idol of Sant Nagaji Maharaj was worshipped. During the event, all salon professionals from Warud gathered and announced a new executive committee. Ritesh Dhanorkar was elected as the City President, while Vijay Raut and Shubham Sakarkar were appointed as Vice Presidents. Mangesh Yewatkar was selected as the Secretary. The extended committee includes 17 members. Nilesh Sakarkar was named Joint Secretary; Pankaj Kawalkar and Vilas Sakarkar were appointed as Advisors, with Narayanrao Dravekar as Senior Advisor. The members of the new committee also include Manoj Kawalkar, Ganesh Sirsakar, Mohit Misalkar, Atul Sasonkar, Guddu Suryawanshi, Vijay Nibhorikar, Vishweshwar Dhanorkar, Umesh Shiralkar, Deepak Papadkar, and Nilesh Dhanorkar. Founding President Ramkrishna Shirulkar congratulated the newly appointed office-bearers and highlighted the importance of the association. Secretary Pravin Sawarkar elaborated on the rules and benefits of the organization, sharing the message: "No upliftment of life without unity." The event saw the presence of several members including Ramesh Mathurkar, Raju Misalkar, Bhalchandra Chaudhary, Ashok Sakarkar, Sheshrao Ajankar, Vijay Nibhorikar, Pravin Sasonkar, and Tanmay Shelke. Toward the end of the program, a positive discussion was held regarding the revision of salon service charges. The event concluded with a resounding chant in honor of Ahilyadevi Holkar and a warm welcome extended to the new committee members.

## Two notorious bike thieves arrested in Gadge Nagar

**Amravati 6 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):**

Gadge Nagar Police arrested two habitual bike thieves on the night of June 4. The accused, identified as Kuldeep Gopalrao Mohekar



(22) and Prajwal Rambhau Mohekar (22), both residents of Jasapur, Chandur Bazar, were found in possession of two stolen motorcycles. The police patrolling team spotted the duo standing suspiciously with the bikes at Navsari Chowk. When questioned, they failed to provide proper documents and gave evasive answers, raising suspicion. They were detained and brought to the police station for interrogation. Upon sustained questioning, the accused confessed to stealing two motorcycles—one from Ram-Laxman Sankul in Sindhi Chowk, Amravati, and another from outside a marriage hall in Chandur Bazar in April. Both motorcycles have been recovered. The operation was conducted under the guidance of Gadge Nagar Station House Officer Dinesh Dahatonde by DB In-charge API Manoj Mankar and team members Bharat Wankhade, Rajesh Gurule, Gulrez Khan, Rupesh Hatkar, Nandkishor Karochi, and Mahesh Sharma.