

BULLS EYE

Poverty: Illusion or Truth? ...

The number of people below the poverty line in our India has decreased. We do not say this, but the World Bank says so. According to the World Bank, India has made rapid progress in the last 14 years. Of these, the Congress-led government was in power from 2011 to 2014. After that, the BJP-led government was in power. In 2011-12, about 35 crore people were living in poverty in the country. Now, 27 crore citizens have come out of poverty. That means our country has made such remarkable progress in reducing poverty. This includes states like Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh. Bihar was said to be a sick state. Whereas Uttar Pradesh was under the pressure of increased population. In recent times, there has been a large increase in the number of poverty-free citizens in these states of India. Looking at those statistics, it can be said that unemployment in India, reduced work and industrialization in India have not had any impact on development. In our country, it can be said that poverty has been reduced in the country due to important initiatives like Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, Ayushman Bharat Yojana. Due to these schemes, India has made significant progress in housing construction as well as raw fuel for cooking, banking and health services. There is a difference of fifteen thousand times between the daily or monthly income of the richest man and the poorest man in our country. That is, for example, the daily income of Adani and Ambani is so much that their income is more than the income of all the poor in a medium-sized state. But now, due to various schemes of the government, many people have started getting good money in the name of various schemes from the government. They get this good money. Therefore, it has been seen that now the laborers or working class go to work in very less quantity. In villages, farmers feel the shortage of laborers for farm work. Large housing or road construction schemes are going on all over India. Although some of the work is done by automatic machines, there is a shortage of laborers on a large scale. Therefore, it has also been seen that the available laborers or workers are paid a large amount of wages. Due to this situation, the laborers and workers have had better days. This is evident from the World Bank data. Earlier, the wages of the laborers in the villages were determined by the landlords. Now, the laborers working in the agriculture decide how much that wage should be. It is a case of coming to work only if they are paid a certain amount of wage. The important reason for this is that now we get food grains from the government to fill our stomachs. Other schemes are also underway. Therefore, there is an overall situation where we can eat our fill without paying wages. Now the workers or laborers do not have to beg for their demands in a humble manner. Now they get wages according to their wishes. This is a fact. That is why earlier the wages that were earned by working for a whole month were earned by working for only ten to twelve days in a month. This is a matter of happiness from the perspective of the overall economic health of the country and the socialist social structure. Now the landowners will also require a minimum number of laborers. This is how farming has started. Many equipments are available for farming. The same situation has persisted in the city as well. The same amount of work was required in a textile mill earlier. Now, even 10% of the workers can do the same amount of work. The same situation exists in many other industries. Ten to twelve women can work and roll as many combs. A single laborer can easily do better and cleaner work with a comb rolling machine. The combs also become very soft. The salaries of government employees have increased so much that now the government does not even want to make new recruitment schemes. Instead, the government is doing all this work on a contractual basis. Due to the practicality of all these changes, those who actually work, although in smaller quantities, are getting higher wages than before. We can experience this. Since the World Bank has announced that poverty in India has reduced, now the government will no longer need to provide free food grains to 80 crore people. However, their poverty has been eliminated. However, since their votes are necessary, the conspiracy of this free distribution will continue even after they rise above the poverty line. This will benefit the millions of people in India who have now risen out of poverty and are now entering the lower middle class. This is a matter of great satisfaction.

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Fadnavis compulsive liar, sits with those against whom he made allegations: Sapkal



Mumbai 8 June:

Accusing Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis of being a 'Compulsive liar', state Congress President Harshavardhan Sapkal said that the Chief Minister is sitting with all those against whom he had made allegations over the years. "Fadnavis is a compulsive liar...he once said he wouldn't marry unless Vidarbha got statehood. He said he'd never ally with Ajit Pawar and had declared Chhagan Bhujbal should be in jail. He accused Narayan Rane of massive corruption. Yet today, he sits beside all of them - Pawar, Bhujbal, and Rane," Sapkal said. "Fadnavis is an expert in handing out clean chits to corrupt ministers, and now he's given one to the Election Commission as well, raising further suspicion. If there's nothing fishy, why does the whole dish stink?" Sapkal questioned hours after Fadnavis wrote an article rebutting charges levelled by Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi. "Fadnavis and the BJP alliance are the ones who directly benefited from the vote manipulation - they are the accused, enjoying the spoils of power - and yet they are offering the defense. Stop acting like a judicial icon; your governance resembles that of a corrupt police chief. His responses are weak, superficial, and fail to address the actual questions," said Sapkal. "Every issue Rahul Gandhi has raised over the years has proven to be correct with time. He warned of the China threat, and now the dragon is encroaching on India. He warned that demonetisation would devastate the economy and lower GDP - and it did. He alerted the nation to the dangers of Covid-19 when the BJP government ignored it, and the country paid a heavy price."

Rahul Gandhi will put Congress in a ditch: CM

Mumbai 8 June: Rahul Gandhi will further push the Congress party in a ditch, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said rebutting the claims of the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha that the 2024 Assembly polls in the western Indian state was rigged - which sparked off a major political issue in India. "The people have rejected Rahul Gandhi, and in retaliation, he is rejecting the people and their mandate. This will only push the Congress party further into a ditch. He needs to introspect on why his own party's MLAs make statements challenging anyone to get an appointment with him within a day," Fadnavis said. Fadnavis' statement



came in the form of an article that he wrote in newspapers, which appeared on Sunday. "He must be mindful of which direction he is taking the country and what poison he is spreading by constantly raising doubts about the democratic process and constitutional institutions," said Fadnavis, a veteran

BJP leader with RSS background. "His 'article' deserves to be ignored, but it operates on a principle: If you can't convince people, confuse them. That is precisely what Rahul Gandhi is repeatedly doing. Therefore, we must continue to present the facts to the public. Of course, it is a separate matter that he is already preparing his excuses for future defeats in the upcoming assembly elections, including Bihar," said Fadnavis, a third-term CM, who had also been Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly. Fadnavis, who is also the state Home Minister, came down heavily on the two marches that Gandhi had undertaken before the 2024 polls.

3 BD citizens convicted for illegal stay in India

Mumbai, June 8 (UNI) A local court here has convicted three Bangladeshi citizens for illegally staying in India and awarded 3 months' imprisonment along with a fine of Rs 500 on each of them. Additionally, the court has ordered that the trio be deported from India after completion of their sentence period. On January 9, a Bangladeshi male was arrested from a hotel near the Western Express Highway in Malad East, while on March 7, two women were caught outside the gate of the Omkar SRA Building.

ECI must answer Rahul Gandhi's concerns: Raut

Mumbai 8 June: LOP and congress leader Rahul Gandhi's statement created a new stir in political circle. Rahul Gandhi claimed that Assembly elections Maharashtra were a match-fixing plan designed to manipulate the democratic system and same thing is going to happen in Bihar too. Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi had strongly criticized in an article that such misdeeds are committed wherever the BJP has to face defeat. While BJP leaders strongly retaliated to his statement. In response to which Shiv Sena UBT leader Sanjay Raut



reacted and supported Rahul Gandhi's stand. He also stated that he is an extraordinary leader. While talking to reporters, Sanjay Raut on Rahul Gandhi's article, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut says, "I have read his article. The Election Commission should answer what he has asked, but the ECI isn't able to do that. Why is the BJP answering?"

Maha sees slight dip in fuel prices; petrol above 104, diesel over 91

Maharashtra, June 8 (UNI) Fuel prices continue to be a pressing concern for Maharashtra's residents, as fluctuations in petrol and diesel rates directly impact daily expenses and inflation. The latest fuel prices were updated at 6 AM on June 8, 2025, and have been communicated across the state. Commuters are advised to verify current rates in their respective cities before refuelling. Today,



petrol prices in most Maharashtra cities exceed 104 per litre, while diesel prices generally remain above 91 per litre.

Rift in Rane household? Social media exchange sparks speculation



Mumbai 8 June: In a dramatic turn of events in the coastal Konkan region of Maharashtra, a political rift seems to be brewing among the Rane brothers - Nilesh and Nitesh. This development comes at a time when there are talks of Thackeray family and Pawar family coming together politically. Nilesh and Nitesh are sons of Narayan Rane, who is the BJP MP from the Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Lok Sabha seat. Rane (73) had served as Maharashtra Chief

Minister and Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly besides being a Union minister in the Narendra Modi government. Both Nilesh (44) and Nitesh (42) are MLAs. A former Congress MP, Nilesh is a first-time MLA of Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena from Kudal while Nitesh is a three-time MLA from Kankavli and is the Ports and Fisheries minister in the Devendra Fadnavis-headed MahaYuti-NDA government. Rane Senior has not commented on the issue so far, however, some political observers said that the comments of the Rane-brothers on X may be in lighter vein. The trigger point of the war-of-words between the brothers stems from Dharashiv, earlier known as Osmanabad, where Nitesh made a speech last week. "The leader of BJP is the true ruler of the state...no matter how much the Shinde Sena leaders try to flex their muscles, all must remember that the real authority in this state rests with the BJP."

ELDERLY ELEGANCE...



As long as there is a generation left in the village who wears a white cap, shirt and dhoti, that village still has a village, and the village's facade will look beautiful, because this is the last generation of people who struggled with life, lived without social media, or lived life far away from the hustle and bustle. After this last generation, these people are gone, this scene will never be seen again in the village, because even though the old people were uneducated, they had patience, respect and a huge wealth of experience even today. So whenever you get the time, chat with these people, so that you will never be burdened by negative thoughts in life. Old is gold, life is a journey.

Manipur Governor holds security meet amid Meitei protests

Imphal 8 June: Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Sunday held a security review meeting with senior officials in the wake of violent protests across the state over the arrests of Meitei outfit leaders. A Raj Bhavan statement said the governor also met a delegation of MLAs who apprised Bhalla of the current law and order situation in the state. "The governor held a security review meeting with senior administrative and security officials. During the meeting, a comprehensive discussion and review of various matters relating to the current law and order situation in the state were deliberated," it said. The security advisor, the director general of police, the commissioner (home), the secretary to the governor, the additional director general of police (law and order), IGAR (S), the inspector general, CRPF and other senior officials were present during the meeting. "Today, a group of MLAs called on Governor of Manipur, Ajay Kumar Bhalla, at Raj Bhavan during which the MLAs apprised the governor of the current law and order situation in the state and requested his intervention to help find an amicable solution," the Raj Bhavan statement said. The governor told the delegation that all "necessary steps are being taken to address the concerns and to restore normalcy", it said. Protests were held across Manipur on Saturday night over the arrests of leaders of the Meitei organisation Arambai Tenggol, prompting the administration to impose prohibitory orders and suspend internet services in five Imphal valley districts.

DRDO transfers technologies of nine systems to 10 industries

New Delhi, June 8 (UNI) In line with the Government's vision to establish a robust defence industrial ecosystem with the participation of both public and private sectors, Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (VRDE), a DRDO laboratory located in Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra, has transferred technologies of nine systems to 10 industries. The licensing agreements were handed over in presence of Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman, DRDO Samir V Kamat during an event organised at VRDE on Saturday, a Defence Ministry statement said. Moreover, VRDE also signed an MoU with COEP Technological University, Pune to jointly work on cutting-edge technologies and emerging areas. Speaking on the occasion, Kamat complimented DRDO and the industry for the exceptional performance of indigenous systems during Operation Sindoor. He also suggested the industry to plan for surge capacity. He appreciated the

efforts of VRDE in providing high-end technological solutions for land systems and weapon platforms. The transferred systems to industries included Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) Recce Vehicle (Tracked) Mk-II to Bharat Electronics Limited; Mounted Gun System to Bharat Forge Limited; Anti-Terrorist Vehicle-Tracked Version to Metaltech Motor Bodies Private Limited; Full Trailer of 70t Tank Transporter for Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun Mk-1A to BEML Limited, Tata International Vehicle Applications, SDR Auto Private Limited and John Galt International; Expandable Mobile Shelter to Bharat Electronics Limited; Vajra-Riot Control Vehicle to Tata Advanced Systems Limited; Unit Maintenance Vehicle for MBT Arjun and Unit Repair Vehicle for MBT Arjun to BEML Limited and Multi-Purpose Decontamination System to Dass Hitachi Limited and Goma Engineering Private Limited.

State govt warns of appropriate action against Supekar on availability of evidence

Pune, June 8 (UNI) Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday warned that if any evidence is found against inspector general of police, Prisons and Corrections Service, Jalindar Supekar, of his alleged involvement in helping the Hagavane family or corruption worth Rs 500 crore, then appropriate action will be taken. In a brief interaction with media here,

he asserted that "We will not spare anyone, but it is not right to react to baseless allegations." While responding to allegations of diversion of the Social Department's funds, Fadnavis said that according to the state budget rules, the schemes for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have to be put under the heads of that department, therefore, no

money has been diverted from any other department, he clarified. Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, who also holds Finance portfolio, has allocated more funds to the Social Department this time in the state budget and this provision is more than before, he added. The money has not been diverted anywhere, but it has been spent properly in the same department, he averred.

'Akhand Shiv Sena': Balasaheb's close aide urges Uddhav, Raj, Eknath to join hands



Mumbai 8 June: One of Balasaheb Thackeray's close aides Gajanan Kirtikar floated the idea of the Thackeray cousins - Uddhav and Raj - as well as Eknath Shinde coming together and giving shape to the original Shiv Sena. The 81-year-old Kirtikar is a four-time MLA, two-time MP and a former Maharashtra minister. Inspired by late Balasaheb, he joined the Shiv Sena, and later founded Shaniya Lokadhikar Samiti, a Shiv Sena front which works for the sons-of-the-soil.

22 Hurt as fire breaks out after LPG tanker-minibus collision

Mumbai, June 8 (UNI) Altogether 22 passengers suffered burn injuries after a fire broke out when a LPG tanker and a minibus collided in Maharashtra's Ratnagiri district on Sunday morning, police said. The injured were sent to Ratnagiri District Hospital for urgent treatment. Several injured passengers are reported to be critical. Police reports indicate that the LPG tanker suddenly collided head-on with the minibus, causing the latter to overturn into a nearby ditch. Gas leaked from the tanker ignited a fire that spread rapidly, engulfing both vehicles and surrounding areas. The minibus was carrying teachers attending a mandatory training program organised by the MSCERT. The blaze also caused extensive damage to nearby homes, gardens, vehicles—including cars, two-wheelers and rickshaws—and even affected some animals in the vicinity. Firefighters and police managed to control the fire, though cooling operations continued into the day. The incident has caused significant distress in the local community.

India's active Covid cases rise to 6000, Kerala leads with sharp rise

New Delhi, June 8 (UNI) Active Covid-19 cases in India have crossed the 6,000 mark following a surge of nearly 400 new infections reported in the past 24 hours. The country also recorded six Covid-related deaths during this period, with three fatalities reported from Kerala, as per the data available from the Union Health Ministry. As of now, India has 6,133 active cases and a cumulative death toll of 65. Kerala continues to report the highest number of active infections, nearing the 2,000 mark, making it the state with the largest current caseload. In the last 24 hours, 378 new cases were reported from across the States. After Kerala, Gujarat has emerged as the second-worst affected state, experiencing a significant rise with 105 new infections recorded between June 7 and June 8, pushing its active cases to over 820. In Kerala, an increase of 144 cases

in a single day underscores the high transmissibility of the JN.1 COVID-19 variant. Protein mutations such as NB.1.8.1 and LF.7, although associated with mild symptoms, are noted for their rapid spread. West Bengal added 71 new cases, bringing its active case tally to 693. Delhi saw a comparatively modest increase of 21 new infections, with the capital's active caseload reaching 686. Conversely, Karnataka reported a notable decline, with over 75 fewer active cases, bringing its total down to 366. Meanwhile, Maharashtra is touching the 600-case mark. Notably, among the six recent fatalities, Kerala reported three deaths: a 51-year-old kidney transplant recipient, a 64-year-old man with diabetes, cancer, and kidney disease, and a 92-year-old individual with multiple comorbidities, including heart disease and cancer.

MIHAN snubbed again: Rafale fuselage to be manufactured in Hyderabad, not Nagpur

Bawankule fires back at Rahul over voter surge claim: “Was there a scam in 2009 too?”

Nagpur 8 June: In a fresh blow to the long-standing aspirations of Nagpur's MIHAN project, the fuselage of the Rafale fighter jet will now be manufactured in Hyderabad instead of Nagpur, where Dassault Aviation and Reliance Defence had earlier set up a dedicated defence manufacturing unit. During the Rs 58,000 crore deal for the procurement of 36 Rafale jets from France, it was agreed that key components would be manufactured in India.

This led to a joint venture between Reliance and Dassault, resulting in the establishment of the Dhirubhai Ambani Aerospace Park in MIHAN, Nagpur, with much fanfare and anticipation. For many in the region, it seemed like a dream come true—a sign that Nagpur was set to become a major hub in India's defence manufacturing ecosystem. The first set of doors covering the twin engines of the Rafale jets were indeed produced and exported from the Nagpur plant, indicating a promising start. However, hopes began to fade as the focus at the Nagpur facility gradually shifted from Rafale parts to components for the Falcon business jet. The momentum around the Rafale project slowed, and manufacturing activity related to it dwindled. Now, in a significant development, Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) and

Dassault Aviation have signed four Production Transfer Agreements to manufacture key structural sections of the Rafale fuselage.

These include the lateral shells of the rear fuselage, the complete rear section, the central fuselage, and the front section—all to be produced at a new TASL facility in Hyderabad, Telangana. An official statement described the agreement as a major step forward in bolstering India's aerospace capabilities and integrating with global supply chains. While this is being hailed as a major leap for India's defence sector, it has left Nagpur—and MIHAN—out in the cold once again. Industry observers and local stakeholders question why Nagpur, which already hosts an operational Dassault-Reliance facility, was overlooked. "MIHAN had the setup and the potential. Yet again, the opportunity slipped away," a local defence expert noted. Even Tata, which has an existing unit in MIHAN producing aircraft beams, had shown



interest in expansion, but that too has stagnated. The shift in focus to Falcon business jets at the MIHAN plant underscores the sidelining of Nagpur's original Rafale-related ambitions. Reliance Defence, which holds a 3% share in the Rafale offset contract, was expected to produce multiple components for the fighter aircraft. Initial activity did begin, but eventually fizzled out, with the Falcon programme taking centre stage.

With Hyderabad emerging as the new destination for high-end aerospace manufacturing, the latest snub has only deepened concerns over MIHAN's stagnation and the repeated loss of strategic opportunities to other cities.

Retired PSI falls victim to Rs 5.5 lakh daylight heist

Nagpur 8 June: In a brazen daylight robbery that has raised serious concerns about public safety, unidentified bike-borne thieves decamped with Rs 5.50 lakh from the car of a retired Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) in Nagpur's Nandanvan area on Friday. The victim, 58-year-old Devendra Ganvir, had recently retired from the Maharashtra police force. He had just withdrawn the cash from the SBI branch in Wardhaman Nagar and was on his way home, accompanied by his son in a car (MH-49/CD-2369), when the incident occurred.

According to police, the duo was passing near the Trends showroom when two unidentified youths on a motorcycle flagged them down, claiming there was a puncture in one of the car's tyres.

Sensing urgency, Ganvir's son pulled over and stepped



out to inspect the vehicle. Seizing the moment, one of the accused swiftly opened the rear door and snatched the bag containing the cash from inside the car.

The miscreants then sped away from the scene before the victims could react. Ganvir rushed to the Nandanvan police station and lodged a formal complaint. Preliminary investigations suggest the accused may have been tailing the retired officer from the bank, waiting for the right

opportunity to strike. CCTV footage from the vicinity is being scrutinised to identify the culprits.

A case of theft has been registered, and multiple teams have been deployed to track down the perpetrators. The daring nature of the heist, targeting even a retired police official, has sent shockwaves through the city and put the spotlight back on the need for enhanced security and surveillance around banks and cash-handling zones.

Monsoon ready: NMC distributes safety kits to city's 'Swachhta Doots'

Nagpur 8 June: In a proactive move to shield its sanitation workforce from seasonal health risks, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has launched a citywide initiative to distribute protective gear to its 'Swachhta Doots' ahead of the monsoon. Sanitation workers, who often brave hazardous and unhygienic conditions, are being equipped with safety kits designed to help them cope with challenges such as waterlogging, slippery roads, and exposure to disease-causing waste. The kits include masks, cloth and rubber gloves, high-visibility jackets, and gumboots—all aimed at reducing the health and safety risks these frontline workers face during the rainy season.



The initiative was launched under the instructions of Municipal Commissioner and Administrator Abhijeet Chaudhari and Additional Commissioner Vasumana Pant. Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Bhagat and Chief Sanitation Officer Dr. Gajendra Mahalle are overseeing the execution across all 10 municipal zones, with special funds earmarked for the effort. Distribution is being conducted in phases, with high-risk areas like the Bhandewadi Dumping Yard, nallah-cleaning units, shelter homes, and the municipal slaughterhouse receiving priority. Core city zones such as Laxmi Nagar, Hanuman Nagar, Dhantoli, Sataranjipura,

Ashi Nagar, and Mangalwari each received 1,280 masks, while 640 were sent to Dharampeth, Gandhibagh, and Lakadganj zones. Nehru Nagar and the NMC headquarters also received additional supplies. Over 2,000 pairs of gloves were distributed to key zones, along with hundreds of jackets and gumboots based on the area's vulnerability to water and waste exposure. Sanitation workers expressed appreciation for the timely intervention.

"We've grown used to working without expecting much. But this gesture before the rains makes us feel seen and cared for," said one of the workers. By addressing the monsoon-specific challenges faced by its sanitation staff, the NMC has not only enhanced its disaster preparedness but also sent a strong message of respect and recognition for the workforce that keeps the city clean and functioning.

Tree plantation drive at Directorate of Extension Education of MAFSU on World Environment Day

Nagpur 8 June: Tree plantation was done at the Directorate of Extension Education and Shetkari Bhavan premises of Maharashtra Animal & Fisheries Sciences University, Nagpur on the occasion of World Environment Day. Large-scale tree cutting is happening everywhere and its effect is being seen on the temperature. This year the temperature has gone up to 45 to 47 degrees and the temperature will increase day by day. 'Plant trees, save trees' is the need of the hour, hence it is necessary to understand the importance of tree plantation on time and plant trees on a large scale and conserve them. On this occasion, Director, Extension Education Dr. Anil Bhikane, Technical Officer Dr. Sariput Landge, Castetribes Maharashtra Animal & Fisheries Sciences



University Employees Association (Nagpur Branch) Vice-President Praveen Bagde, Secretary Jitendra Hatmode, AV Technician Mohan Kapse, Atul Jadhav, Rajesh Gahlot and Swapnil Date were mainly present.

Nagpur athlete Renu Kaur Sidhu bags 4 medals in Sri Lanka event



Nagpur 8 June: Ace athlete Renu Kaur Sidhu of Nagpur won three silvers and a bronze medal in the recently concluded 11th Master Athletics Championship held at Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The event saw participation of more than 2000 national and international level athletes from various countries. Kaur showcased remarkable endurance and athleticism to finish second in the 5000 metres completing it in just 26 minutes and 56 seconds, 1500-metre run in 7 minutes 19 seconds and 800-metre run in just 3 minutes and 25 seconds. In the 2000-metre steeplechase, Kaur gave a tough fight to win the bronze medal, finishing the race in 13 minutes and 18 seconds. Kaur was competing as a part of Maharashtra Masters Games Association. She is a prominent member of the Masters Athletics Association. Her outstanding performance highlights her dedication and hard work, serving as an inspiration to many in the masters sports group. She gives the credit of her success to her family, Jai Athletics Club, Balu Chouhan, Ashok Kapta, Purnima and her coach Sunil Kapgate.

Nagpur 8 June: The city of Nagpur witnessed a vibrant and heartfelt celebration of Eid-al-Adha on Saturday, as members of the Muslim community came together to offer prayers, share festive meals, and honour the spirit of sacrifice. Amid heightened security arrangements, the celebrations unfolded peacefully across various parts of the city. In the early hours, men, women, and children dressed in traditional attire gathered at mosques and open grounds to offer the special Namaz-e-Eid. Prominent mosques such as Mominpura, Tajbagh, Itwari, and Sakkardara drew large congregations. Following the prayers, worshippers greeted one another with hugs and wishes of Eid Mubarak, symbolising unity and brotherhood. To ensure a smooth and secure celebration, the city police deployed additional personnel across sensitive zones. Quick Response Teams (QRTs) and police vans were stationed at major junctions, while

Nagpur 8 June: BJP State President and Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule has delivered a point-by-point rebuttal to Rahul Gandhi's recent claims regarding the alleged suspicious surge of voters in Maharashtra. Accusing Gandhi of selective outrage, Bawankule cited past data to highlight similar trends during Congress rule. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi recently raised concerns over the addition of 39 lakh voters in Maharashtra within a span of five months, calling the spike "suspicious." Responding sharply, Bawankule said, "Rahulji, were you involved in a scam in 2009 when 30 lakh voters were added in just five months?" Presenting data, Bawankule said,

"In April 2009, the total number of registered voters for the Lok Sabha elections in

Maharashtra stood at 7.29 crore. By the time of the Assembly elections in October the same year, the figure had risen to 7.59 crore—a surge of 30 lakh in five months. Was there no suspicion then? Did you question the Election Commission back then? Or was there a Congress-Commission alliance at that time?" Bawankule criticized Gandhi for raising doubts only after facing electoral setbacks. "You didn't question anything in 2004 or 2009 when you won. But now, after facing a clear rejection by the people of Maharashtra, you've started crying foul," he said. He further accused Gandhi of misleading the nation by misinterpreting statistics. "Don't try to confuse the country with half-baked data."



Instead of blaming others to cover up your own failures, introspect. The people of Maharashtra have rejected you, and soon the people of Bihar will do the same. That fear is making you look for excuses in advance." Reiterating the public's mandate, Bawankule said, "The Mahayuti has been elected by the people of Maharashtra with a decisive mandate. This trust will continue in the future as well. By constantly peddling lies, you are insulting the people's verdict. The public will never forgive you for that."

AI to patrol second capital: Smart traffic surveillance to start at 10 key junctions

Nagpur 8 June: In a significant step toward transforming traffic governance in the city, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) and Nagpur Traffic Police are rolling out an AI-powered surveillance system at 10 of Nagpur's busiest junctions. The project, which forms part of the Integrated Traffic Management and Monitoring System (IITMS), is set to go live within the next week. Designed to harness artificial intelligence for real-time traffic enforcement, the pilot initiative will cover critical intersections including Laxmi Nagar Square, Shankar Nagar Square, Alankar Talkies Square, and Deekshabhoomi Square, among others. An additional high-speed detection unit will be installed near Sankat Mochan Mandir in Dwarkapuri to catch overspeeding violations on the spot.

Three types of state-of-the-art cameras are being deployed:



- ANPR Cameras for automatic number plate recognition, featuring vari-focal lenses and night-vision IR.
 - Evidence Cameras in 4K resolution to automatically detect violations like red light jumping, illegal parking, and wrong-way driving.
 - Vehicle Detector Cameras to monitor traffic flow and spot offences like mobile phone usage behind the wheel and absence of seat belts.
- LED cantilever traffic poles have already been set up at most pilot

junctions, while installation is nearing completion at Kachipura Square. Additionally, cantilever-mounted Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) cameras and an Advanced Traffic Control System (ATCS) are being integrated into the setup. A centralised monitoring network will run through the Smart City Command and Control Room and the City Operations Centre, ensuring citywide coordination. Assistant Commissioner of Police Madhuri Baviskar praised the move, saying, "This technology gives us an extra pair of eyes at all times. But we must remember that human presence is still essential for effective enforcement and to create psychological deterrence." The initiative is expected to be gradually scaled up across the city within two years. Once completed, the system will be officially handed over to Nagpur Traffic Police for full-time operations.

Kargil cops return without Sunita Jamgade due to legal lapse

Nagpur 8 June: A Kargil Police team that arrived in Nagpur to arrest Sunita Jamgade—the woman who had crossed the Line of Control (LoC) into Pakistan last month—returned empty-handed due to procedural shortcomings. Sources said Jamgade had travelled from Nagpur to Srinagar with her son on May 4. From there, she moved to Sonamarg and later to Kargil. Leaving her son at a hotel, she allegedly crossed the LoC into Pakistan. Pakistani Rangers apprehended her and interrogated her for eight days. Upon learning that she was mentally unstable, they handed her over to India's Border Security Force. After her return, Jamgade was arrested by Nagpur Police and is currently in judicial custody at Nagpur Central Jail. Meanwhile, Kargil Police registered a separate offence related to the illegal border crossing and began their own investigation. Three days



ago, a Kargil Police team reached Nagpur and sought her custody via a production warrant. However, during the court proceedings, they failed to present a certified copy of the warrant issued by their local court. Due to the missing legal document, the Nagpur court refused permission for her handover. With no option left, the Kargil Police team had to abandon their attempt and return without her, sources said.

Sananda to join NCP Ajit Pawar faction on June 12

Khamgaon 8 June: In a setback for the Congress in Maharashtra's Buldhana district, senior leader and former MLA Dilip Kumar Sananda has resigned from the party and announced his decision to join the Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) on June 12. The joining ceremony will take place in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar. Sananda, who represented the Khamgaon assembly constituency for 15 consecutive years, is expected to bring along thousands of workers with him, marking a substantial loss for the Congress in the region. This development comes in the backdrop of the shifting political landscape following the 2024 assembly elections, where the Maha Yuti alliance made a strong comeback by winning 232 seats, while the Maha Vikas Aghadi secured only 50 seats.



The Congress has already faced multiple defections in Buldhana, with several leaders moving to the BJP and Shiv Sena. Sananda's departure further weakens the party's foothold in the district, especially as the current Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee president, Harshvardhan Sapkal, hails from the same region.

The move is being seen as a major blow to the Congress's efforts to consolidate its position in Maharashtra, as the party grapples with internal challenges and the growing influence of the NCP under Ajit Pawar's leadership.

Nagpur's Muslim community celebrates Eid-al-Adha with devotion, unity amid tight security

Nagpur 8 June: The city of Nagpur witnessed a vibrant and heartfelt celebration of Eid-al-Adha on Saturday, as members of the Muslim community came together to offer prayers, share festive meals, and honour the spirit of sacrifice. Amid heightened security arrangements, the celebrations unfolded peacefully across various parts of the city. In the early hours, men, women, and children dressed in traditional attire gathered at mosques and open grounds to offer the special Namaz-e-Eid. Prominent mosques such as Mominpura, Tajbagh, Itwari, and Sakkardara drew large congregations. Following the prayers, worshippers greeted one another with hugs and wishes of Eid Mubarak, symbolising unity and brotherhood. To ensure a smooth and secure celebration, the city police deployed additional personnel across sensitive zones. Quick Response Teams (QRTs) and police vans were stationed at major junctions, while

drone surveillance and CCTV monitoring were activated in crowded areas. Senior officials supervised the arrangements and remained on ground to respond swiftly if needed. As people exited mosques after prayers, police maintained a close watch, ensuring public order and security. Eid-al-Adha, also known as the Festival of Sacrifice, commemorates the profound faith of Prophet Abraham, who was willing to sacrifice his beloved son in submission to God's command. His unwavering devotion is celebrated as a powerful symbol of obedience, trust, and righteousness. As part of the religious practice, many Muslim families across Nagpur performed Qurbani (ritual animal sacrifice), distributing the meat among relatives, neighbours, and the underprivileged. The festival is also deeply linked to the annual Hajj



pilgrimage in Mecca, a cornerstone of Islamic tradition. For many, the connection to the sacred rites of Hajj added a spiritual depth to the local observances. Beyond rituals, Eid-al-Adha offered an opportunity for reflection on justice, compassion, and the importance of fostering peace and unity in society. In a world often divided by conflict and hatred, the festival's message of sacrifice and solidarity struck a powerful chord. As the day progressed, homes lit up with warmth

and hospitality. Families invited friends and neighbours to share elaborate meals, featuring traditional delicacies like biryani, kebabs, sheer khurma, and other festive dishes. In every corner of Nagpur—from the bustling markets to the quieter lanes—the spirit of Eid echoed in joyful laughter, shared prayers, and the reaffirmation of faith. The peaceful and joyous observance stood as a testament to the city's communal harmony and cultural richness.

Coal block scam: Nagpur’s Manoj Jaiswal found guilty by CBI court in one more case

Nagpur 8 June: An Special Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court on Friday convicted JAS Infrastructure Capital Ltd and its then director Manoj Kumar Jayaswal for cheating and criminal conspiracy in connection with the allocation of the Mahugarhi coal block in Jharkhand. Sentencing arguments are scheduled for 8 July 2025. Special Judge Sanjay Bansal, however, acquitted former Coal Secretary HC Gupta, former Joint Secretary (Coal) KS Kropha, and former Coal Allocation Director KC Samaria in the high-profile 2012 coal scam case. "This is the 19th conviction in coal block allocation cases investigated by CBI," a CBI spokesperson said. The agency initially filed its closure report in the matter on 20 November 2014. Previously,

the court had framed charges against JAS Infrastructure Capital Pvt Ltd, Manoj Kumar Jayaswal, HC Gupta, KS Kropha, and KC Samaria. The CBI said that the promoters of JAS Infrastructure had made "false and misleading claims" about the company's financial net worth, which formed the basis of the allocation. During the trial, 18 prosecution witnesses were examined. This case marks the 19th conviction out of the 54 coal block allocation cases probed by the CBI. Only half of these cases have been disposed of so far. In 2017, Gupta, Kropha, and Samaria were convicted by another special CBI court for irregularities in the allocation of coal blocks in Madhya Pradesh to Kamal Sponge Steel & Power Ltd (KSSPL). They were granted bail on the same day. In April this year, Judge Bansal

discharged Gupta and Kropha in a separate coal block allocation case related to Mednirai, also in Jharkhand, citing lack of evidence. The coal scam, also known as the Coalgate scandal, erupted in 2012 after the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) reported that the government had allocated coal blocks to private companies without transparent auctions.

The report estimated a 'notional loss' of Rs 1.86 lakh crore to the exchequer. The scandal triggered widespread political uproar and was a major factor in the Congress-led United



Progressive Alliance (UPA) government's defeat in the 2014 general elections, which brought the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) to power.

Sonegaon lake reduced to a barren wasteland, Nagpurians raise alarm

Nagpur 8 June: Once a scenic gem and historical reservoir, Sonegaon Lake now lies in a sorry state, reduced to a cracked, parched basin. Once teeming with birds and visitors, the lake has almost entirely dried up, exposing not just its bed — but also the glaring failures in lake conservation efforts. Spread across 20 acres, the lake's near-disappearance has left Nagpurians shocked and disheartened.

"It's heartbreaking to see a water body with such a legacy reduced to this. It looks more like a barren patch of land than a lake," said a local resident. Built during the reign of the Bhonsle rulers, Sonegaon Lake once served as a vital water source for a British-era



Assembly elections. Post-election, access to the garden was abruptly barred, allegedly without any explanation. "The NMC needs to come clean. Why

the garden shut after the elections? Why is the restoration work crawling at a snail's pace? Monsoon approaching, and if the contractor doesn't complete work in time, we could lose yet another season of recharge," said an irate local. The lake's decline is not just an environmental concern, but a civic embarrassment.

Citizens are now demanding urgent intervention and transparency from the authorities before Sonegaon Lake turns from a historical water body into just another forgotten patch of dry land.

(AMRUT) scheme. As part of this, the lake was deliberately dried, and a recharge shaft was created to replenish groundwater. The plan was to improve long-term sustainability of the rain-fed lake. However, the effort now appears to have stalled, raising serious questions about its execution. Today, nearly 95% of the lake stands dry, and residents say the so-called beautification has delivered no visible benefits. A garden developed on the west side near Swagat Society was briefly opened just ahead of the last

Army regiment. Having withstood centuries of history, the lake is now buckling under modern neglect and unchecked urbanisation. Land sharks had previously attempted to encroach on the lake's periphery, only to be thwarted by alert citizens. But with the water nearly gone, many fear it may soon be targeted again.

The Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) had launched a rejuvenation and beautification project at the site under the Centre's Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban

Transformation

Relief for Vijay Dangre: Court acquits him after NMC seals property without proper orders

Nagpur 8 June: In a surprising turn of events, the District Court has acquitted social worker Vijay Dangre after revelations that the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) sealed his property in Juni Shukrawari, Reshimbagh, without any directive from the High Court. The court's decision came after the then Assistant Commissioner of the Hanuman Nagar Zone admitted that there was no High Court order mandating the sealing of the property. The case dates back to March 21, 2014, when the NMC sealed Plot No. 54, citing a High Court order dated March 18, 2014. However, when the seal was reportedly found broken on July 2, a complaint was filed under IPC Sections 426 (mischief), 447 (criminal trespass), and 448 (house trespass). The original complaint was lodged by Devji Chintanwar, a Branch Engineer in the Hanuman



Nagar Zone, who claimed the building was illegal and had been sealed under orders from Assistant Commissioner Vijay Humne. However, during cross-examination, the complainant contradicted several key points, denying having surveyed the building himself or submitting any proof of the ownership or usage of the premises. In court, Assistant Commissioner Vijay Humne testified that no official documents identifying the owner of the building or specifying its use were ever submitted. Crucially, he

admitted that the High Court had not issued any specific order to seal Dangre's property. He further stated that he did not oversee any sealing activity on the premises, nor did he monitor Dangre's daily activities during the said period, although he acknowledged knowing him as a social worker in the department. Given the inconsistent testimonies and lack of concrete evidence, the court concluded that there was no legal basis for sealing the property. The prosecution failed to prove that the seal was lawfully applied or broken by Dangre. As a result, the District Court acquitted Vijay Dangre of all charges, raising serious questions about NMC's procedures and accountability. This verdict not only clears Dangre's name but also highlights lapses in municipal enforcement and the potential misuse of authority without proper legal backing.

Two UPHCs get NQAS certification

Nagpur 8 June: The Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHCs) at Manewada and Nandanvan, under the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC), have been awarded the National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) certification. The assessment was conducted between April 28 and May 3 by national-level evaluators, covering Manewada, Nandanvan, and Kapil Nagar UPHCs. While Manewada scored 89.95% and Nandanvan 88%, securing the certification, the result for Kapil Nagar is still awaited.

The achievement follows NMC's Indora and Shantinagar UPHCs, which were the first in Maharashtra to receive NQAS certification in 2023. The evaluation was based on 12 thematic areas, including maternal and child health services,

outpatient care, immunisation, outreach, emergency and dressing services, family welfare, laboratory, pharmacy, infectious and non-communicable disease control, and general administration.

The NQAS certification is valid for three years. Certified centres receive a grant of Rs 2 lakh per year as a performance-based reward, with subsequent instalments subject to annual state-level reassessment.

This fund is to be utilised for enhancing patient services.

This success was made possible under the leadership of Dr Meenal Patle (Manewada) and Dr Shreyas Khemka (Nandanvan), supported by Dr Deepak Selokar, Dr Narendra Bahirwar, and Dr Sarla Lad, along with programme managers and quality coordinators from NMC.

Ticking time bomb: Lives at risk at Nagpur's Mayo Hospital as expired fire extinguishers line the walls

Nagpur 8 June: In a shocking revelation that exposes a dangerous lapse in safety, Nagpur's historic Mayo Hospital — a facility meant to save lives — is itself operating under life-threatening conditions. A ground investigation by Nagpur Today has uncovered that the majority of fire extinguishers installed throughout the hospital premises are expired, raising serious questions about the hospital's preparedness to handle fire emergencies. These critical safety devices, meant to be the first line of defence in case of a fire, remain mounted on the walls like silent relics — expired, neglected, and utterly useless in an actual emergency. No recent inspections. No timely replacements. No accountability. This is not just negligence — it is systemic failure. In a high-risk environment like a hospital, even a minor spark could

escalate into a devastating fire. And if the extinguishers fail at that moment, the consequences would be catastrophic, not just for patients but also for doctors, nurses, and staff. But the outrage doesn't end there. When Nagpur Today sought clarification from hospital authorities,

neither the Dean nor the Medical Superintendent was available to respond. Worse still, during our on-ground reporting, our team was surrounded by Maharashtra Security Force (MSF) personnel, raising a chilling question: Is reporting the truth now a threat to security? This is not merely an equipment failure — this is an indictment

of the public healthcare system in Nagpur. A hospital trusted by thousands cannot afford to play dice with safety. The people of Nagpur deserve answers. They deserve accountability. And above all, they deserve safe hospitals, not ticking time bombs. We ask: Who will take responsibility before it's too late?



Shivaji Maharaj's coronation anniversary celebrated at Fetri GP

Wadi 8 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Shiv Swarajya Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm on Friday (June 6) at the Fetri Gram Panchayat premises in Nagpur Taluka. The program commenced with the traditional hoisting of the Gudhi and the unfurling of the saffron (Bhagwa) flag. Tributes were paid to the work and legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, highlighting the glory of Swarajya (self-rule). The historical importance of Shivrajyabhishek Day was shared with the villagers during the event.



is essential that we all come together and avail the benefits of various government schemes."

The event was attended by Sunil Dodewar, Devanand Tajne, Kamlesh Waghmare, Komal Langde, Gram Panchayat staff, and a large number of villagers. Inspired by the ideals of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the Gram Panchayat pledged to dedicate themselves to the mission of rural development. The efforts of all office bearers and villagers played a key role in the success of the event.

Sanjay Ingale Tigavkar stresses action against global warming

Wardha 8 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): While discussions on global warming continue worldwide, concrete action remains lacking, said honorary wildlife conservationist Sanjay Ingale Tigavkar during the Environment Day event at Bor Tiger Project. The program, held at Dhanesh Tourism Complex, was attended by Forest Range Officer Archana Naukarakar as the chief guest. Tigavkar emphasized that if we call Earth our mother, it is our duty to ensure she does not suffer from rising temperatures. Highlighting the dangers of plastic pollution, he stated, "Plastic has severely contaminated land, water, forests, and air. Reducing its excessive use is no longer optional—it's a necessity." In her opening remarks, Naukarakar urged schools, colleges, and social



organizations to sustain the plastic-free initiative beyond just one day, making it a year-round campaign.

Forest Guard Radha Sakhare hosted the event. As part of the celebrations, authorities pledged to plant fruit-bearing, shade-providing, and medicinal trees across waterholes in the reserve. Guests inaugurated the drive by planting saplings. Forest staff, field assistants, and volunteers actively participated, making the event a success.

Inter Battalion Ops Weightlifting: 100 RAF are champions

Nagpur 8 June: The 100 RAF secured first position in the Inter Battalion Ops Weightlifting Competition held at Group Centre Nagpur. As many as ten teams from battalions and group Centres under Inspector General of Police Western Region CRPF Mumbai participated in the event. 100 RAF were followed by 102 RAF, who finished runners-up while the hosts Group Centre Nagpur secured third position. The individual winners and winning teams were awarded medals and trophies in the closing ceremony by Anil Kumar, Deputy Inspector



General, Group Centre CRPF Nagpur. Kumar, while congratulating all the players in his concluding address, said that all the teams performed well in the competition with team spirit and also appreciated their

fitness which he felt was very important for every player. On this occasion, Dr MK Sinha, Deputy Inspector General (Medical), GD Pandharinath, Commandant, Group Centre Nagpur; Pooja Pawar, Commandant 213 (W

omen) Battalion Nagpur, BL Meena, Deputy Commandant, Group Centre Nagpur, other officers, subordinate officers and jawans witnessed the competition and encouraged the teams.

Bharat Rangers clinch 23 run victory over NECO Master Blaster in thriller at Nagpur

Nagpur 8 June: In a gripping second match of the Vidarbha Pro T20 League 2025, Bharat Rangers held their nerve to seal a 23-run win over NECO Master Blaster at Nagpur. The contest kept fans on edge till the final over, with both teams showing flashes of brilliance in an intense T20 showdown. Batting first, Bharat Rangers posted a total of 131 runs in 19.3 overs. Despite not having a massive score on the board, they relied on disciplined bowling and tight fielding to turn the tide. The innings saw quick starts and mini-collapse, with no batter anchoring long, but crucial contributions in the middle order helped them reach a defendable total. In response, NECO Master Blaster struggled to find momentum. Chasing 132, they were bundled out for 108 runs in 19 overs, falling short by 23 runs. The Bharat Rangers' bowlers applied relentless pressure, exploiting the conditions and triggering a steady fall of wickets. NECO's batters failed to stitch together partnerships, which proved costly in a relatively modest chase. With this victory, Bharat Rangers have made an early statement in the tournament, showing they can defend competitive totals under pressure.

Key Highlights:
*** Bharat Rangers: 131 all out in 19.3 overs**
*** NECO Master Blaster: 108 all out in 19 overs**
*** Result: Bharat Rangers won by 23 runs**
*** Venue: Nagpur**
*** Tournament: Vidarbha Pro T20 League 2025, Match 2**

Student trio pass military school examination with flying colours

Brahmapuri 8 June: Three students of Zilla Parishad Higher Primary School, Mendki under Panchayat Samiti Brahmapuri, have qualified in the military school examination and have brought glory to the name of the school and the village. These students have achieved this success due to hard work, relentless efforts, guidance and consistent study. Behind this success is also the encouragement of parents, guidance of teachers and hard work of students. These three students are Devarsh Falgun Amborkar, Sanvi Sunil Dudhe and Devya Gurudev Waghulkar. The institution's High School Principal, Haridas Talmale said, "This is a matter of pride not only for the school but also for the entire region. This feat will definitely inspire other students. Nalina Shahare of the school imparted special guidance to these students.

She went to school on vacation and took extra classes. She has rendered invaluable contribution which has paved the way for this success. All other teachers of the school also imparted guidance to the students from time to time, congratulated them and everyone said that this result is a historic accomplishment for the school and efforts are being made to provide more such opportunities to deserving students in future as well, dignitaries from the school administration said.



To attain honour, dignity & success before Allah, one must be free of flaws: Maulana Shakirul Akram Falahi

Nagpur 8 June: "Say: Indeed, my prayer, my sacrifice, my life, and my death are all for Allah, the Lord of all the worlds." On the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha, Maulana Shakirul Akram Falahi, member of the Jamaat-e-Islami Hind Nagpur City Committee and Imam of Markaz-e-Islami Mosque, addressed the large congregation at the Idgah Ground in Jafar Nagar. Referring to verse 162 of Surah Al-An'am, he urged the faithful to introspect and reform themselves rather than finding faults in others. "We must pledged today to sacrifice the hypocrisy and malice within us. We should rid ourselves of jealousy, hatred, anger, and enmity. Just as we search for a flawless animal to offer in sacrifice before Allah, we must also work towards presenting ourselves pure and blameless before Him," he said. Maulana Shakirul Akram also referred to the Prophet Muhammad's (peace be upon him) Farewell Sermon during Hajj, wherein the Prophet



said: "O people! Listen carefully. I do not know if I will be among you next year in this place. Your lives, your wealth, and your honour are sacred and forbidden to one another until the Day of Judgement—just as this day, this month, and this city are sacred. You will soon meet your Lord, and He will ask you about your deeds. So beware! Do not go astray after me by harming each other." He emphasized that the essence of sacrifice lies in submission to Allah, citing the example of Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him), who was willing to sacrifice his beloved son, Prophet Ismail (peace be upon him), in obedience to Allah's command. The Maulana called upon people to live lives of taqwa (God-consciousness), and to spread the message of love and brotherhood rather than hatred and suspicion. Following this address, Hafiz Rahmatullah Sahib, Imam of Jama Masjid Jafar Nagar, delivered the khutbah (sermon), and a collective dua (prayer)

was offered for peace, prosperity, and good health. Imran Ali, speaking about the history of the Idgah Ground, shared that the first Eid prayer here was held in 1989 by Tanzim Muslim Naujawan Jafar Nagar. Besides Eid prayers, the ground also hosts various social, political, and public welfare activities. Last year, donations amounting to Rs 1.5 lakh were collected. This year's Eid prayer arrangements cost around Rs 30,000–35,000. Plans are underway to install CCTV cameras and prayer mats. The ground is part of the waqf estate of Jafar Moynuddin Patel Saheb. As in previous years, a massive crowd gathered for the Eid prayer at the Jafar Nagar Idgah Ground. Gratitude was expressed to Senior Police Inspector Shri Kailash Chandrakant Deshmane of Gittikhana Police Station for deploying an adequate police force to ensure security. Worshipers at the ground exchanged warm Eid greetings and embraced each other in celebration. The information was shared by Dr. M.A. Rashid, Media Secretary of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Nagpur.

BUSINESS

Flipkart's flagship Glam Up Fest 2025 witnessed unmatched scale



Mumbai 8 June: Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, hosted the third edition of its flagship Glam Up Fest 2025 on June 6 and 7 at NESCO, Goregaon, Mumbai. As one of India's largest beauty experiences, this two-day celebration brought together 6,000+ influencers and creators, 100+ top beauty and grooming brands, and some of the country's most loved celebrities, reinforcing Flipkart's role in enabling and driving the e-commerce beauty space.

The flagship Glam Up Fest 2025 stood out for its focus on Korean beauty (K-beauty) trends, exclusive brand launches, and celebrity-led beauty moments. Glam Up Fest 2025 featured celebrities such as Tamannaah Bhatia, Tara Surtia, Vamika Gabbi, and India's leading beauty influencers such as Ankush Bahuguna, who joined the immersive beauty celebration through curated sessions, product launches, and on-ground interactions with fans and creators.

During the Fest, Flipkart also announced the inaugural Glam Up Annual Beauty Trends Report at the flagship Glam Up Fest 2025, offering exclusive insights into the fast-evolving beauty preferences of Indian consumers.

Iconic global and homegrown brands, including HUL, PnG, Minimalist, Honasa, Himalaya, McCaffiene, and Bella Vita, showcased their most-loved collections and new launches through curated booths, product trials, and exclusive previews. From AI-powered skin diagnostics to virtual try-on and live video commerce, Flipkart brought innovation and interactivity to the centre stage, redefining how beauty is discovered and shopped in India.

Manjari Singh, Head of Business, FMCG and General Merchandise, Flipkart, said, "India's beauty landscape is in the midst of a vibrant transformation, and GenZ is leading the charge. Our flagship Glam Up Fest 2025 is a celebration of this shift, bringing together beauty-forward consumers, trendsetting creators, and top brands in an immersive digital-first experience. As part of the fest, the Glam Up Exclusive from June 6 to June 10 will offer curated collections, exclusive product drops, and limited-time deals across makeup, skincare, fragrances, and more. With this, Flipkart continues to strengthen its commitment to building an inclusive, high-engagement beauty ecosystem for the modern Indian shopper."

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Flags Off Environment Month 2025

Bengaluru 8 June: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today flagged off the Environment Month 2025, reaffirming its commitment to sustainability through the theme "Sustainable Resource Management Drive". This initiative aligns with the broader goals of the Toyota Environmental Challenge 2050 and the global theme of "Enhancing Awareness Towards Realising Toyota Global Vision 2050". The campaign aims to strengthen a culture of sustainability across the company and its value chain. A key element of this year's focus is the adoption of "Zero-Base Thinking" – a strategy that involves reevaluating all resources from the ground up and retaining only those that contribute genuine value, thereby promoting long-term sustainable efficiency through Refuse, Recycle (circular economy), Reuse and Reduce (4Rs). Observed every June, Toyota's Global Environment Month serves as a platform to drive action on critical environmental issues.

The 2025 edition builds on the continual efforts to strengthen awareness and engagement, while also marking more than 25 years of TKM's successful journey in India and reflecting its key environmental achievements through the theme 'Journey to Green @25'. Some of the key environmental milestones include:

- Achieved 100% renewable energy utilization for grid electricity, thus enhancing the pace towards achieving zero carbon emissions from manufacturing
- An impressive 89.3% of TKM's total water requirement for production is met through recycled water and rainwater harvesting
- Adoption of effective waste management practices at the plant facilities, enhancing the recyclability of waste to 96%
- TKM has set-up one of its kind 'Ecozone' an experiential environmental learning center, spread across 25 acres of land, with 17 educational theme parks designed to imbibe ecological consciousness specially among children to develop them into eco champions. Thus far, TKM has achieved 42,000+ outreach including students and various stakeholders

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. B. Padmanabha, Executive Vice President and Director—Manufacturing, Toyota Kirloskar Motors said, "At TKM, environmental stewardship is deeply ingrained in our corporate philosophy and operational strategy. Environment month

German firms eye India for future tech collaborations in manufacturing sector

New Delhi 8 June: As India is on the brink of becoming the fourth-largest economy in the current fiscal, an increasing number of German companies have ramped up their hunt for Indian partners with the intention of providing future technologies in the manufacturing sector. The German companies are looking for local partners to help Indian businesses in advancing production in areas such as green energy, semiconductor, and pharmaceutical sectors, among others. "India is an important market; it's a growing market and has a huge amount of talent, and we are looking for talent because we are developing new technologies. We are the experts in the production field, and we are developing from the first sketch until the start of production. What we are doing here is we have invited our potential customers to this place (India)," said Rainer Wittich, CEO of EDAG Production Solutions GmbH & Co. KG. "Many customers are going more and more into this activity. They want to build up the production areas more in the field of new technologies like green energy, electrolyzers, semiconductors, and medicine pharma, and there we can help with our expertise," Wittich added. The Indo-German Chamber of Commerce, in association with the Indian arm of Germany-based EDAG Group, organised an event to explore business partnerships with emerging local companies and talent to facilitate manufacturing.

EDITORIAL

Becoming guests in our own home

Shimla, fortunately, still has some delightfully eccentricity. For better or worse, they have colourful characters and garnish the town with their harmless, and often wise, foibles. There is one wonderfully obstinate soul who is deeply distressed by the number of VIP vehicles that shuttle bored wives to kitty parties, and ferry privileged staff for grocery shopping to the Mall. They might as well cut every tree and demolish every remaining heritage structure and make a parking lot," he grumbles. In benevolent stubbornness, he does not move when VIP cars come blasting their horns. He has found a way out. He pretends to be deaf. Another gentleman seemed to be able to sniff out tourists who did not use Google Maps and were in search of directions. Those whose presence, he felt, was sully the town, were pointed the wrong way. With his able assistance, people who wanted to go to the railway station arrived at the bus stand. "Now they will go back and tell their friends not to come to Shimla and I will have achieved my goal of keeping away tourists like these," was his take.

The ones that he approved, however, found correct directions. He would chat them up. He would let them buy him coffee. Or more. Occasionally, he would get carried away and go to a friend who had a photo studio on the Mall and ask for his picture to be taken with them. As he never paid for the pictures and never came to collect a print, my friend would click away and then delete the file. On the subject of tourists and photographs in the hills — and given our national obsession with the West — almost on a daily basis, one sees some of our Indian brethren sliding up to someone with white skin with the opening line: "Which country are you from?" This happened recently to a fair-skinned desi friend who replied in shuddh Hindi, much to the disappointment of the would-be questioner. But for the real thing, that opening gambit done, the next move is to try and get a 'selfie'. Any age, any gender may suffice. Of course, there are preferences, but let me not broach that topic for the moment. Needless to say, all sorts of people want to come to Shimla. As recently re-reported, even the terrorist Amir Hamza of the Lashkar-e-Taiba said in 1999: "Pakistan, and particularly those from Lahore, (we) would soon be able to (visit and enjoy) the real Chamba and Shimla." Most of Shimla's elegant old estates have long gone. One, like many others, due to various reasons had to be parcelled off and sold in plots by its owners. All the plots now have big high-rises and almost every one of those buildings is a hotel. Locals refer to this as the wholesale mandi of tourists who come from all parts of our country and overseas, could go wrong. How wrong we were.

ENTERTAINMENT

Cycling from Home to Set is My Ritual to Switch into Character Mode: Shabir Ahluwalia

Mumbai 8 June: Set in most actors arrive on white in their SUV's, Shabir Ahluwalia keeps it refreshingly real — and super fit. Twice a week, he hops on his bicycle and rides all the way from home to the set of Sony SAB's Uff... Yeh Love Hai Mushkil, turning heads and setting fitness goals along the way. For Shabir, cycling isn't just transport — it's his daily ritual to prep both mind and body for the demanding shoot schedule. It's his secret to staying sharp, grounded, and visibly in top form for every intense or romantic scene he films. The crew has come to associate the sound of his bike with the start of a good day on set. While his co-stars are warming up with coffee, Shabir's already done his cardio — arriving energised, focused, and in full action mode. And it's not just the crew who notice — female fans often go crazy spotting him riding the bicycle, admiring his effortless charm and dedication. It's this blend of discipline and natural magnetism that makes his presence on Uff... Yeh Love Hai Mushkil so captivating — both on and off screen. Shabir Ahluwalia playing the role of Yogh Sinha in Uff... Yeh Love Hai Mushkil said, "Cycling from home to set is more than just a way to get here — it's my ritual to switch into character mode. It helps me clear my mind, focus my energy, and get physically ready for the long, demanding shoot ahead. Riding the bike keeps me fit, boosts my stamina, and saves me time in Mumbai traffic, which is a win-win. Honestly, those moments on the saddle give me a sense of calm and control before diving into the love, drama, and chaos of the day's scenes. It's become one of my favourite ways to prepare for work, and I feel it shows on screen." Tune in to watch Uff... Yeh Love Hai Mushkil starting 9th June, Monday to Saturday at 8 PM on Sony SAB.

'Every book teaches me something, even the unfinished ones': Sonali Bendre on finding peace in reading

New Delhi, 8 June: Actor and author Sonali Bendre, known for her grace on screen and resilience off it, is also making waves in the literary space. In a conversation with ANI, Bendre reflected on her deeply personal relationship with books and the inspiration behind her latest release, 'A Book of Books'. The book, released in collaboration with her online community, Sonali's Book Club, is not a traditional memoir or novel, as she explains it as a celebration of reading itself.

"It's essentially a book of recommendations — books that touched, inspired, or simply stayed with me," she shared, adding, "It's an extension of the book club I started eight years ago, one of the largest digital book clubs in South Asia." Bendre began the club as a way to reconnect with her own reading habits, which had taken a backseat amid the responsibilities of motherhood and career. "I had lost touch with books in the hustle of life. The club gave me the structure to come back to it," she said. One of the most striking ideas in 'A Book of Books' is the permission it grants readers to let go of guilt around incomplete books. "There is no shame in not finishing a book," Bendre said, adding, "You don't have to read a book just because it won awards."

Touchstones: Why we behave like louts

Go to any bus stop or railway platform and see for yourself how passengers shove and push to enter and grab a seat. Old people, women, young mothers with babies in arms — no one is respected. Two ghastly incidents of the past week have shaken me profoundly. One is the senseless bombing in Gaza that has not just destroyed it, but has left its hapless residents bereft of any kind of support. Israel's relentless bombing, its heartless refusal to allow foreign aid agencies to bring in food and medicines to those who need it urgently — to say nothing of breaching every convention, such as not touching hospitals and schools — is so inhuman that one wonders how it can ever be justified. Imagine not having food or milk for your children; what those mothers must be going through shakes my faith in everything. Even God.

The other was the Bengaluru victory parade that turned into a stampede when several enthusiastic fans were trampled upon and died or were grievously injured. The roads were jammed so no ambulances could ferry the injured to hospitals, and there was virtually no police bandobast after the ministers and VIPs left. Predictably, no one wants to take responsibility for this tragic episode. Instead, once again, we have two political parties bringing up other stampedes in other states as if to compare whose stampede was better. However, beyond all this, let us examine why such stampedes are a recurring feature in India. Just over the last year, there have been at least three tragic ones. I have often wondered why we Indians find it so difficult to stand in orderly lines or await our turn. Go to any bus stop or railway platform and see for yourself how passengers shove and push to enter and grab a seat. Old people, women, young mothers with babies in arms — no one is respected. The only exception is the Metro, where passengers wait until alighting



passengers are safely out before boarding. Have you ever wondered why the behaviour of the same people is so different in these two instances? One reason is the design and vigilant staff. Only bona fide passengers are allowed entry and a firm line keeps the pushing-shoving in control. The other reason is perhaps that once a convention of good civic behaviour is established, no one wants to breach it.

We are proud of our Metro stations, so no one spits paan or gutkha or sneaks a smoke. However, the minute you come up to the 'normal' world above, we revert to our 'jungle' behaviour. Another reason is that in a developing world, where everything is in short supply (including seats in a bus or train), people grab every opportunity to get in first. The concept of waiting for your turn has never taken root because often there is no seat (or whatever else) before you can get a chance to enter. On the other hand, when we can stand in line at an ATM, why do we break a queue in a waiting room in a hospital to try and catch the doctor's eye so that we can enter and say, 'I am so-and-so'? In developed countries, people are sure that groceries won't finish before they can get a chance or that another bus will arrive shortly. If the seats are full, the ticket collector will not allow a passenger in. And that verdict is accepted without an angry exchange or

a discreet bribe. It may take many years before we will have the confidence that we can get whatever we seek without a bribe, sifarish or name dropping. Another reason is that none of our sahib log ever deign to take public transport (unlike in, say, the UK, where even the PM may take the Tube to work). Naturally, if the officers who are supposed to ensure proper behaviour sign that they won't be caught dead inside a public bus, the message that goes down is that it's alright to behave like louts. I think I've written before about how digitisation has fractured the personal bond between the bank and a client. Banks are now hollowed out of people and every few months your customer care person is transferred and you have to start all over again with a fresh face. I am still old-fashioned enough to deal with cash transactions and rarely use UPI or PayTM, despite being persuaded by kind friends and my own children to switch. It's just that the feel of a note and the pain of parting with a Rs 500-note often makes me think whether I need to buy a box of expensive cherries or something. Handling actual cash keeps a check on the temptation of giving in to one's first impulse. I think young people today are on a high and spend recklessly because they don't see the money actually leaving their wallet. The same goes for buying expensive gadgets, cars or phones on instalments (few check the interest that is being slyly levied) just to keep up with their friends. So many people now live beyond their means and if, God forbid, they suddenly drop dead, who's going to pay the money owed? Food, clothes, shoes and many other disposable items are now available at the mere click of a button that few pause to ask whether they are really necessary. So yes, digital payments have changed the way we now buy and pay and the world is in awe of our achievements in this area, but it has also made us spend without thinking whether it's prudent.

Did you know Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah's Aarya Babbar slapped himself 15 times for a sequence in the show?

Mumbai 8 June: It began like any other daylight on, camera rolling, actors getting into character. Aarya Babbar was preparing to shoot a deeply emotional scene where Kalikant discovers that Jagriti (played by Rachana Mistry), the woman he believed was dead, is not only alive but has returned as a powerful IPS officer. But what happened recently on set took even the most seasoned crew members by surprise. Aarya, who plays the baddie, Kalikant Thakur, pushed the boundaries of performance during a pivotal emotional scene, slapping himself not once, but fifteen times to portray the psychological collapse of his character. The moment was scripted to be intense, but no one expected Aarya's next move. Standing in front of a mirror, lost in Kalikant's torment, he began slapping himself — unscripted, unplanned, and shockingly raw. Aaryalater shared that in that moment, he felt the need to go beyond the written words, to bring truth and vulnerability to Kalikant's internal breakdown. He wasn't performing pain; he was channelling it. It was a



choice born out of creative courage, one that transformed the scene from dramatic to unforgettable. As the final take ended, the entire set broke into spontaneous applause, recognising the sheer emotional depth Aarya brought to the moment. Aarya Babbar said, "I never intended to slap myself — not even once. But the moment I stood in front of that mirror, fully in Kalikant's shoes, and imagined what it felt like to discover that Jagriti was not only alive but had risen above him, it hit me like a freight train. I wasn't just acting out shame — I was drowning in it. And in that moment, the only honest response I could give was something raw,

something real. Each slap was Kalikant punishing himself for the lies he had clung on to, that he was in control, and Jagriti was gone. That no one could ever outsmart him. But she did — quietly, powerfully — while he lived in denial. That kind of realisation doesn't settle gently in your chest. It erupts. It burns." He added, "By the tenth slap, my face had gone numb, but I couldn't stop — because Kalikant wouldn't stop. That was the moment he stopped being a myth and became a man. Flawed, broken, humiliated. That scene didn't just change Kalikant, it changed me. It reminded me that sometimes, to reach the truth, you have to be willing to hit hard enough to wake yourself up. This powerful moment of awe but also added a haunting intensity to Kalikant's character arc. As the drama escalates in Jagriti — Ek Nayi Subah, will Kalikant be able to regain control, or has Jagriti's rise finally tipped the scales? To know more, tune in to Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah, every day at 8:30 pm, only on Zee TV!

Kartik Aaryan + K-Army = FANtertainment at its best at Maruti Suzuki presents 23rd Zee Cine Awards 2025

Mumbai 8 June: Indian cinema took centre stage in a spectacular fashion at the Maruti Suzuki presents 23rd Zee Cine Awards 2025 — a night that celebrated talent, emotion, and the enduring bond between stars and their fans. Among the most talked-about moments? Kartik Aaryan's showstopping, full-throttle performance that redefined stage magic and raised the bar for FANtertainment.

Making a dramatic aerial entry from the ceiling, fan-favourite Kartik descended straight into the spotlight, instantly commanding the crowd's attention. He opened with a soul-stirring duet of 'Tu Hi Yaar Mera' with Ananya Panday, their undeniable chemistry setting the tone for a heartfelt yet electric act.

But that was just the beginning. What followed was a whirlwind of energy and charisma as heartthrob Kartik hit the dance floor with a troupe of spirited kids — his beloved K-Army. Their playful synergy lit up the stage, adding warmth and joy to the high-octane spectacle. Taking it up a notch, Kartik jumped onto a moving bus that cruised across the arena while he danced to his chartbusters like 'Satyanaas', 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa



3 title track' and 'Haan Main Galat', igniting cheers with every beat. Kartik said, "This wasn't just another performance. It was a tribute to everyone who's been part of my journey — especially my fans. Personally for me, dancing with my K-Army was the real highlight. Their energy lit up the performance in a way nothing else could."

Seamlessly blending spectacle with sentiment, Kartik's act was a tribute not just to his journey from rising star to box-office mainstay, but also to the fans who made it possible. With his trademark charm, magnetic screen presence, and smooth dance moves, Kartik reminded everyone exactly why he's one of the most loved performers in Indian cinema today.

Maruti Suzuki presents 23rd Zee Cine Awards 2025 is co-powered by Maaza, Tresemme, Vicks Cough Drops, Go Cheese, and Dabur Red Paste, with Hell Energy as the Energy Drink Partner and special partners including Balaji Wafers, Cadbury Dairy Milk, Doctor Fixit, and Garnier. Tune in soon to Zee Cinema, Zee TV, and ZEE5 on 7th June 7:30 PM onwards for the biggest night of FANtertainment.

Massive corruption alleged in Pus dam aquatic weed removal work

Mahagaon 8 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Allegations of large-scale corruption have surfaced regarding the aquatic weed (jalpami) removal project at Ve?i Adhar Pus Damin Mahagaon Taluka. A complaint has been filed accusing officials of submitting a fraudulent bill of Rs 1.5 crore for work that should cost no more than Rs 5 lakh. According to the complaint, submitted to Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Water Resources Minister Girish Mahajan, the work was grossly overpriced and the tender process was manipulated. RTI activist Anant Nagargoje, along with Vijay Suryawanshi and Sanjay Pate, has alleged



that Assistant Engineer Nishant Lahane and Avinash Bhagat (now holding charge of the Mahagaon Irrigation

Subdivision) colluded with contractors and senior officials to siphon off public funds. The dam's gates,

blocked by logs, waste, and weeds, required cleaning to release water during summer. The accused officials reportedly prepared inflated estimates and awarded the contract to a private party from Andhra Pradesh without public tender advertisement. The actual work was allegedly completed in a single day using one T-10 JCB machine. Despite this, a bill amounting to Rs 1.5 crore was sent for approval, with claims that all stakeholders had agreed upon a share of the misappropriated funds. The complainants have demanded a detailed investigation, a halt to the bill's processing, and strict action against the involved officials.

Bridal jewellery worth over Rs 5.23 lakh stolen from wedding hall

Wedding halls becoming soft targets for thieves

Pusad 8 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): In a shocking incident that has caused widespread concern, bridal jewellery worth Rs 5.23, 205 was stolen from a wedding venue in the Adarsh Nagar area on Washim Road in Pusad on June 6. The theft occurred during a lavish wedding ceremony held at the hall. According to available information, the groom's mother had brought the gold jewellery—worth over five lakh rupees—for her future daughter-in-law. The jewellery, kept in a bag, was in her possession and was meant to be adorned on the bride after the main wedding rituals. However, an unknown thief who had been closely observing the situation took advantage of the crowd and managed to steal the bag from the groom's mother. The theft came to light when the family attempted to put the jewellery on the bride and realized the bag was missing. By then, the thief had already escaped. The groom's mother, Kalinda Vilasrao Maske (55), a resident of Gandhinagar, Pusad, lodged a complaint with the Vasantnagar Police. A case has been registered against unknown persons under Section 303(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Further investigation is being carried out under the guidance of Station House Officer Satish Jadhav, with Police Sub-Inspector Atul Avalkar leading the probe. This incident has raised alarms across Pusad, with many now expressing concerns that wedding halls have become prime targets for thefts. Police now face the pressing challenge of curbing such crimes and restoring public confidence.

MSEDCL's 20th foundation day celebrated with gusto

Employees administered oath of safety

Nagpur 8 June: In order to properly discharge my family responsibility, I will never compromise on electrical safety..." With this safety oath, MSEDCL employees celebrated the 20th foundation day of the organisation with great enthusiasm recently. The ceremony was held with immense enthusiasm in various offices in Nagpur Circle, where the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the beloved deity of Maharashtra, was garlanded on the occasion of the 351st anniversary of his coronation ceremony. This day's significance was not limited to foundation day observance alone, but the occasion was celebrated with a resolve to further strengthen the culture of safety. In the main programme held at MSEDCL's 'Vidyut Bhavan' on Katol road, Nagpur Circle Chief Engineer Dilip Dodke inaugurated the programme by administering the electrical safety oath to all the officials and employees present. On the occasion, he paid homage by garlanding the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. A beautiful blend of patriotism and dedication was seen among the attendees. After this, Chief Engineer Dodke cut a cake and extended warm wishes to all employees on the occasion of their anniversary. A video clip of the wishes given to MSEDCL employees by Chief Minister and Energy Minister, Devendra Fadnavis, was broadcast on the occasion. The Chief Minister's message infused new enthusiasm among the employees and



gave more inspiration to their work. Electrical Inspector Umakant Dhote and Superintendent Engineer of MAHAGENCO, Kishor Suryavanshi were present on the occasion. General Manager (Finance and Accounts) Atul Raut, Assistant General Manager (Human Resources) Mahesh Jadhav, Executive Engineer Manjusha Ade, along with various department heads, officers, engineers from the regional and zonal offices of MSEDCL, as well as officers and employees of MAHAGENCO and MAHATRANSCO companies, were present in large numbers. On the occasion, a special film was shown reviewing the journey of MSEDCL over the past 20 years and highlighting the story of its commitment to safety. The film highlighted the milestones achieved by MSEDCL in the electricity sector and its future direction. The anniversary was not just the foundation day observance of an organisation, but the resurgence of a commitment to provide uninterrupted and safe electricity to the consumers, the attendees said.

World Environment Day celebrated by Adarsh Chaurasia Ladies Club Nagpur

Nagpur 8 June: Adarsh Chaurasia Ladies Club Nagpur conducted a programme on the occasion of World Environment Day. The event was organised under the leadership of President Mira Rakesh Chaurasia and with the support of Founder President Sarita Vijay and in the presence of Past Presidents Sharmila Gagan and Anuradha Narendra Singh in Dhantoli Park.

The programme started with a prayer, after which the members and friends ensured how we can protect the environment by reciting poems, slogans, lectures and expressing their opinions related to the environment. Various types of games and house were enjoyed in the green and picturesque environment of Dhantoli Park. Barkha Vinita and Anuradha Narendra stood first in the game.

The coordinator of the programme was Barkha Vineet and Neha Mukesh proposed the vote of thanks. The programme was



attended by a large number of members and friends.

Meera Rakesh, Sharmila Gagan, Anuradha Narendra, Kirti, Jitendra, Barkha Bhi, Neha Mukesh, Indira Shailesh, Bharti, Kamini Karamchand, Shakuntala, Vijay, Kanchan, Shilpa Manish, Sonia Jitendra, Archana Meher and others were present on the occasion. The programme concluded with a delicious breakfast and ice cream being relished by the participants.

Tigers maul Titans by 8 wickets

Nagpur 8 June: Batting first Nagpur Titans scored 153 for 6 in 20 overs. Thanks to IPL player Shubham Dubey who slammed 52 in 38 balls. Earlier opener Satyam Bhoyar opened the innings for Nagpur Titans. While Bhoyar was dismissed without opening his account, Aniruddha Choudhary scored 20 in 18 balls. After losing two wickets in 5.2 overs, Jagot Sasan was joined by Shubham Dubey in the middle. The duo added 49 runs for the third wicket partnership before Sasan was dismissed for 34 in 30 balls. Towards the end, Sahil Sheikh played an unbeaten knock of 26 in 25 balls. For Orange Tigers, Saurabh Dubey (2/9) and Kshitij Dahiya (2/28) took two wickets each in the

innings while skipper Darshan Nalkande picked one wicket. In reply following the rains Orange Tigers were declared winner on the basis of D/L method on the score of 116 for 2 in 13.4 overs. Chasing a target of 154 on the board, Yash Rathod and Rohit Binkar opened the innings for Orange Tigers. Rathod could only manage to add 7 in 10 balls. Binkar was then joined by impact substitute Apoorv Wankhade in the middle. The duo added 67 runs for the second wicket before Wankhade was dismissed for 35 in 29 balls. Binkar remained unbeaten on 62 in 39 balls. For Nagpur Titans, Aditya Kukde and and Rahul Dongarwar took one wicket each in the innings and chipped in with their useful contributions.

CM raises cops' morale in Gadchiroli

Gadchiroli 8 June: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis recently visited the Kawande Police Outpost on the Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh border in the Gadchiroli district. This outpost was set up by the Maharashtra Police in March this year. Speaking with a news agency, CM Fadnavis highlighted that earlier, even the administration could not reach here, but our Police opened an outpost here, thus providing security to the people here. "Kawande is like the first village at the border or the village that comes first after entry from Chhattisgarh. There is the Abujmah forest nearby, and even the administration could not reach here. But our Police opened an outpost here. Due to this outpost, not just Police dominance, but we also filled a security vacuum.

We also set up a 4G tower here. Police provided security, and we provided government schemes through this outpost. So, this has built confidence among people," Fadnavis asserted. Speaking on the deadline to eliminate Naxalism, the Maharashtra CM emphasised that under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi,

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has pledged that the country will be Naxalism-free by March 2026. "So, good work is going on with that view. Maharashtra has taken this to its last stretch.

Sangita Thakur passes away



Wadi 8 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Sangita Ayodhyasingh Thakur, a resident of Plot 23, Trilok Nagar in Dattawadi, passed away. She was 57 years old. She is survived by her husband, four brothers, one sister and several other kin. Her last rites were performed at Tekdiwadi crematorium on Sunday.

Illegal HTBT cotton seed trade surges, Interstate network exposed

Technology is essential in agriculture, but it should be employed through legal means
Award-winning farmer Sachchidanand Kale opines

Amravati/Mumbai 8 June (NAGPUR POST/SALIL KALE): The illegal trade of herbicide-tolerant BT (HTBT) cotton seeds is on a sharp rise across Maharashtra, with clear connections emerging between smuggling networks in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. As of June 3, 2025, criminal cases have been registered at 37 locations in the state. The Nashik Division alone has seized counterfeit seeds worth approximately Rs 56 lakh and taken stringent action.



Legal Path Must Be Mandated for Technology Use

In light of the growing crisis, 'Krushi Ratna' awardee and progressive farmer Sachchidanand Kale has voiced his concerns:

"Why are decisions not made considering the real needs of agriculture? Technology is necessary, but only through legal channels. These malpractices are severely cheating needy farmers, which is utterly unjust."

Rise of Fake Seeds and Misuse of Private Transport

The counterfeit HTBT seeds are being sold secretly without receipts, transported using private tourist vehicles, and packaged under misleading labels such as "second," "third," "fifth," and "seventh" generation seeds. This widespread fraud threatens farmers' productivity, financial planning, and loan repayment capacity.

"20% Illegal Traders Causing 80% of the Damage"

"Only 20% are engaged in these unlawful activities, but the entire system comes under suspicion because of them. As a result, 80% of honest farmers are suffering tremendous losses," warned Kale.

Amravati Division Under Scanner

The role of Amravati Division in tackling this issue has come under serious scrutiny. Allegations suggest that while no firm action is taken against black-market seed sellers, a few honest agri-input dealers are deliberately harassed under the guise of investigation. There are also hints that black-marketers are either being overlooked or subtly supported by the administration. In some areas, even the role of

quality control officers is being questioned.

Political Patronage Rumored

There is speculation of political backing behind this illegal trade, though the administration denies any such interference. However, inconsistencies in the actions taken and selective targeting raise valid suspicions.

Nashik's Aggressive Crackdown

Under the guidance of Director of Inputs and Quality Control, Sunil Borkar, the Nashik Division has deployed special task forces. These teams are closely monitoring vehicles arriving from Ahmedabad and have launched bold operations to intercept the transportation of fake seeds.

"Transparent Distribution Needed" - Kale's Warning

"A transparent and legal system for seed distribution is essential. If quality seeds are made available to farmers at the right time through legal means, the black market can be curtailed. Otherwise, the network of counterfeit seeds will only expand," Kale warned.

Farmers' Trust in Agriculture System at Risk

This growing menace is not only a technological enforcement issue but also poses a serious threat to farmers' economic security. Unified and transparent action from the agriculture department, alongside curbing political interference, is the need of the hour. Farmers and true agricultural reformers are calling on the government to take immediate and concrete steps to resolve the crisis.

The question that remains: will the government respond before the kharif sowing season slips away—or is the damage already done?

Maratha Seva Sangh organises felicitation ceremony for meritorious students and Shivrajyabhishek celebration

Pusad 8 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): The Maratha Seva Sangh, Pusad, organized a special event to honor meritorious students from Class 10 and 12, alongside a celebration of Shivrajyabhishek Day. The event was held on Friday at the Deorao Patil Chondhikar Hall of Shivaji Vidyalyaya and saw the presence of several notable dignitaries. The event was presided over by Digambar Jagtap, Divisional President of Maratha Seva Sangh. The inauguration was carried out by Advocate Apparao Maind. Among the chief guests were former MLA Adv. Nilay Naik, Adv. Ashish Deshmukh, Aniruddha Patil Chondhikar, Avinash Deshmukh, Adv. Ramesh Patil, Vishwas Bhavre, Principal Ganesh Patil, Sudhir Deshmukh, Shubhangi Tai Panpatte, Principal Suresh Kadam, Pankajpal Maharaj, and Parbhani District President of Maratha Seva Sangh and Education Officer Vitthalrao Bhusari. The program

began with tributes to Rajmata Jijau and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, followed by a performance of "Jijau Vandana" by the Jijau Brigade members. Speeches were delivered by Adv. Apparao Maind, Adv. Nilay Naik, and Vitthalrao Bhusari, who emphasized the importance of education and cultural pride. Outstanding students from Classes 10 and 12 were felicitated with mementos and certificates. Additionally, Gajanan Jadhav, the promoter of the "Wall of Humanity" initiative, and the office-bearers who played a pivotal role in the success of the Jijau Rath Yatra were also honored. The program concluded with a presidential address by Digambar Jagtap. The



welcome speech was delivered by Suresh Kadam, while the event was anchored by Taluka Secretary Prof. Gajanan Jadhav. Taluka President Hargovind Kadam expressed gratitude on behalf of the organizers. The event was successfully coordinated by office-bearers from Maratha Seva Sangh, Sambhaji Brigade, and Jijau Brigade. A large number of students and parents were in attendance.

World Environment Day celebrated at Koradi Thermal Power Station

Nagpur 8 June: On the occasion of World Environment Day, Koradi Thermal Power Station employees and officials celebrated Environment Day by planting saplings at Vidyut Vihar Vasahat premises. MAHAGENCO Chairman and Managing Director, Radhakrishnan B graced the tree plantation drive organised on the occasion. A special tree plantation programme was organised by Koradi Thermal Power Station at Vidyut Vihar Vasahat on the occasion of World Environment Day. In this programme, saplings were planted by MAHAGENCO



Chairman and Managing Director, Radhakrishnan B as well as Executive Director Rajesh Patil and the Chief Engineers present. Officials and employees participated enthusiastically in the tree plantation drive, and various varieties of saplings were planted on the occasion. While highlighting the significance of tree plantation, the dignitaries said, "Trees not only provide shade but are also important from the point of view of pollution control and play a vital role in maintaining the balance of the environment, protecting and balancing biodiversity. World Environment Day is an important occasion to create awareness for sake of ensuring the protection of the earth. The dignitaries mentioned that all the officials and employees working in MAHAGENCO need to take concrete steps towards environment conservation. For this purpose, they expressed the hope that everyone should resolve to plant at least one tree and conserve it. In this programme, the message of protecting nature was propagated by planting saplings and an appeal was made to take steps accordingly. A grand tree plantation drive was started by Koradi Thermal Power Station in Vidyut Vihar Colony from 13 January 2025. During this campaign, many fruit trees like mango, amla, almond, jamun and jackfruit were planted in a single cluster and about 8 thousand saplings have been planted at that place. The dignitaries also visited and inspected the site. Stating that the saplings we have planted today will grow into big trees tomorrow and provide clean air and green cover to future generations, they appreciated all the concerned employees for planting and nurturing trees on such a large scale. The officers, engineers and employees of Koradi Power Station responded

enthusiastically to this initiative and expressed their sense of responsibility towards the environment by planting saplings. Along with this, the dignitaries inspected the functioning of the ash handling system, fly ash, bottom ash and ash bund system at Koradi Thermal Power Station. They inspected the electrostatic precipitator (ESP), bottom ash discharge system, fly ash system, as well as the pump house used for transporting ash. During the inspection, the senior officials reviewed the efficiency of the system and laid emphasis on adopting an efficient, eco-friendly and sustainable method in ash management. The power station authorities expressed satisfaction with the work process and appealed to employees to continue efforts relentlessly for sake of ensuring safety, and enhancing environment conservation & conservation of natural resources. The tree plantation drive was attended by Chairman and Managing Director of MAHAGENCO, Radhakrishnan B, Executive Director, Rajesh Patil, Chief Engineer, Koradi Thermal Power Station Vilas Motghare, Chief Engineer, Knaparkheda Thermal Power Station, Girish Kumarwar, Chief Engineer, Koradi Training Centre, Sunil Sonpethkar and Deputy Chief Engineers, Superintending Engineers, Department Heads, Officers, Engineers and various other representatives.

Change Of Name

MY OLD NAME WAS JRASHIDA VOHRA. NOW MY NEW NAME IS RASHIDA MURTUZA VOHRA. ADD : BALAJI WARD 36 BOHRA COLONY GOPALPURI, CHANDRAPUR. 442401 (MS)

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74 Security guards on verge of becoming unemployed due to unjust company policy

***Security guards being appointed from elsewhere, locals neglected**
***Continue contract, else we shall initiate hunger strike, say aggrieved employees**
***Manoj Thengane issues warning during press conference**

Chandrapur 8 June: Takali Jena based Aurobindo Realty and Infrastructure Private Limited has directed to dismiss all security guards recruited through Maple 365 Security Services Pvt Ltd. All of them are former soldiers and social activist Manoj Thengane. Due to this, 74 local security guards are on verge of becoming unemployed. In this concern, Manoj Thengane has indicated in a press conference that if job security of the concerned security guards is not ensured and their contracts are not continued, then a hunger strike agitation will be held in front of the company premises on June 20. In the press conference, Manoj Thengane said that Takali Jena based Aurobindo Realty and Infrastructure Private Limited is a coal mining company. This company had entered into a security agreement with Maple 365 Security Services Private Limited Director and ex-serviceman Manoj Thengane in August 2023. A total of 74 guards from among the local populace of Takli and Jena villages were deployed for security duties in the company.

Many locals are working in the security agency. But recently the company has cancelled the agreement with Maple 365 Security Services Pvt Ltd.

A letter has also been dispatched in this regard. Manoj Thengane, Director of the security service company, has alleged that due to such highhandedness and unjust policy being implemented by Aurobindo company, 74 local security guards deployed for security are now on verge of becoming unemployed. He said that the Aurobindo



company will now enter into an agreement with Bihar based SIS Security Agency. The company concerned has brought 60 security guards from Nagpur, Yavatmal, Wardha, Chandrapur to work in the company premises. Despite the government's instructions to give priority to locals in any company, the Aurobindo company top brass is ignoring the directive. Aurobindo company is now

expanding. In such a situation, as many as 74 local security guards are being treated unfairly and security guards from other districts and states are being appointed.

Former soldier and social activist Manoj Thengane has warned through a press conference that he will go on a hunger strike in front of the company premises from June 20 onwards to ensure justice for local security guards.

Tributes paid to Lakshmanrao Mankar Guruji on death anniversary

Amgaon 8 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): On behalf of Adarsh Vidyalaya and Junior College Amgaon, a floral tribute was paid on the portrait of former parliamentarian Lakshmanrao Mankar Guruji at Adarsh Vidyalaya. He kept a vow to do something for the society and brought the Ganges of knowledge to tribal areas. His accomplishment was not a minor one.

Leading a life of virtue is one of the main principles he followed and his work imparted direction to the society.

His death anniversary was observed on Saturday. Principal DM Raut, Library Chairman Sunil Padole, Professor Yogita Hamare Chute Madam, Sema



Pande, BL Thakur Anil Shivankar, Inesh Pardhi, Kolavate Bai, Roshan Wargantiwar, Daya Chute, Vijaya Ghodmare and Yashasvi Shahare were prominently present on the occasion.

Riyan Hospital conducts free health check-up camp



Ramtek 8 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Under the guidance of Dr. Pradip Borkar, Director of Riyan Multispecialty Hospital Ramtek, a free cancer, heart disease, blood pressure, blood sugar, general check-up, eye check-up, medicine distribution and treatment camp was organised by Riyan Hospital at Dhusalai Mohadi on Saturday.

On the occasion, the coordinators of Riyan

Hospital Kandri, Kunal Gajbhiye, Kashish Gajbhiye were prominently present. On the occasion, Riyan Hospital Ramtek provided general check-up, blood pressure, sugar check-up, ECG and medicine distribution facility to the patients. Most of the children and the elderly patients in the area availed benefit of the free services provided in the camp. In this camp, Dr. Dulesh Jagane, Dr. Samiksha Vaidya, Sister

ZEE5 Unveils New Brand Identity, Pivots to become A Hyper-Personalized, Language-First Content Platform

Mumbai 8 June: ZEE5 today announced a bold new brand identity and strategic shift, reaffirming its positioning as India's foremost homegrown platform. The relaunch marks a pivotal step in ZEE5's evolution, anchored in the promise of "Apni Bhasha, Apni Kahaniyan" (Multiple Languages, Infinite Stories) and a sharper focus on culturally authentic narratives, language-driven personalization and cutting-edge technology. With a new visual identity, reimagined product experience, and language plans designed around India's major languages, ZEE5 deepens its connect with its audiences. This strategic shift is built on three foundational pillars—content, experience, and affordability—crafted to meet India's next wave of digital demand. ZEE5's language content strategy will deliver deeply local, emotionally grounded stories inspired by folklore, real-life heroes, and regional legends. Each language mandate will be structured as an individual vertical to ensure authenticity and scale. While the

language packs will start at Rs 120/month, the Hindi pack (including Punjabi & Bhojpuri content) is priced at Rs 220/month. The All Access pack will be available at Rs 320/month, and all packs will have Annual and monthly plans. The upcoming language titles include - Detective Sherdil (Hindi), Chhal Kapat: The Deception (Hindi), Sattamum Neethiyum (Tamil), Mothubaru Love Story (Telugu), Inspection Bungalow (Malayalam), Maarigallu (Kannada), Aata Thambahya Naay (Marathi) and Vibhishan (Bengali) among others. With a view to deepening engagement, the platform's new direction focuses on intuitive design and AI-powered personalization, providing tailored recommendations that resonate with users across all pin codes of India. Leveraging data-driven insights, ZEE5 ensures a more engaging and effortless user experience, enabling viewers to quickly access personalized recommendations and enjoy premium-quality streaming across all devices. Link to the brand film:

<https://www.zee5.com/videos/detail/s/my-language-mysteries/0-0-225765791-Amit-Goenka-President-Digital-Businesses-and-Platforms-Zee-Entertainment-Enterprises-Ltd.-said-Our-new-brand-identity-marks-a-pivotal-step-in-our-journey-to-become-a-deeply-personalized-language-first-platform-that-mirrors-the-diversity-of-Indian-audiences-Our-strategic-focus-is-clear-it-strengthens-our-footprint-across-India-and-global-markets-deepen-engagement-through-culturally-relevant-storytelling-and-continue-building-a-tech-enabled-scalable-platform-that-s-personalized-and-intuitive-It-s-a-cultural-shift-in-how-consumers-discover-connect-with-and-consume-Indian-entertainment-globally-Kartik-Mahadev-Chief-Marketing-Officer-Zee-Entertainment-Enterprises-Ltd.-said-Our-brand-campaign-with-the-tagline-Apni-Bhasha-Apni-Kahaniyan-is-rooted-in-the-idea-that-language-is-belonging-a-celebration-of-a-deeply-personal-emotion-A-story-told-in-your-language-feels-like-it-s-lived-in-and-not-just-watched-Going-across-7-languages>

this multi-lingual campaign is designed to resonate with large and small towns alike, including tier-2, tier-3 cities as well as with global audiences. Rooted in our language-first content strategy and hyper-local personalization, this campaign brings to life ZEE5's belief that in your language, stories are endless." Raghavendra Hunsur, Chief Content Officer, Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. added "At ZEE5, we've always believed that powerful storytelling begins with deep cultural insight. We're deeply committed to serving audiences that have historically been underserved. By leaning into their realities, their languages, and their everyday stories, we're expanding not just what we create-but who we create it for. Whether it's long-form originals, short-form bites, or experimental formats, our goal is to delight viewers on their terms. This isn't just a content strategy-with our language packs rollout, we are placing language at the centre of discovery, access, and engagement."

Amgaon Scout Group conducts tree plantation drive on World Environment Day

SECR Bharat Scout & Guide's commendable initiative

Amgaon 8 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): On one hand, where a large number of people are cutting down forests and inflicting a lot of damage to nature, there are some others who are engaged in protecting nature which is essential for the welfare of the world and enhancing quality of human life. If seen in the present times and circumstances, the way trees have been cut down indiscriminately, the result is that for the first time people have had to face such intense heat in the country which seemed unbearable and a large number of people lost their lives due to heat waves this year. In such a



situation, emphasis is being laid on planting trees to protect the environment around us. Special campaigns are being run by Shaan but they have also not proved successful. In such a situation, Vinod

Undirwade, working with Amgaon Railway Scout and Railway Department of Gondia district, has set an example by planting saplings in large numbers. For the last 5 years or so, more than 100 trees have been planted on the occasion of World Environment Day. Harishankar is setting an example by planting trees and urging every person to do so. There has been an appeal to plant saplings in maximum numbers.

Tree plantation programme has been going on since the past several years and once again as part of this initiative, trees are being planted by Scout Group Amgaon. Also, on the occasion of World

Environment Day, in order to end plastic pollution in Railway Colony, pamphlets were distributed by raising slogans as part of the awareness rally. The citizens were informed about plastic pollution and Tulsi saplings were distributed in Railway Colony. Senior Engineer, Railway track inspector Amgaon Anant Gupta and Jagdish Savarkar were present in this programme and they also planted saplings.

The entire Scout team was present along with group leader of Amgaon Scout Group Vinod Kumar Undirwade and 20 members of Escort Group were present on the occasion.

Scouts & Guides Organise 'Paryavaran Cycle Rally' to Mark World Environment Day



Nagpur 8 June: In a vibrant show of environmental awareness and youthful energy, Vikrant Sea Group, Ajni of the Bharat Scouts & Guides, Nagpur Division, Central Railway, organized a "Paryavaran Cycle Rally" on 8th June 2025 to commemorate World Environment Day (5th June). The rally commenced from the Shankar Dhiman

Memorial Scout Guide Den, Ajni and proceeded to the Satpuda Officers' Rest House, Civil Lines, before returning to the starting point. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from Scouts, Guides, Rovers, and Unit Leaders of the Vikrant Sea Group, Sarojini Naidu Group, and Kamla Nehru Group. With every pedal, the

young participants spread the message of environmental conservation and community responsibility, symbolizing their commitment to a cleaner and greener future.

Such initiatives not only instill environmental consciousness among the youth but also inspire the community to join hands in protecting our planet.

Tribal community's long wait ultimately over

Govt takes decisive step for ensuring social justice
State cabinet approves establishment of State ST Commission



Chandrapur 8 June: The state government led by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis has approved the establishment of the Maharashtra State Scheduled Tribe Commission in a cabinet meeting with the aim of providing education, healthcare, employment, land, water, housing, and government scheme based facilities to tribal communities across the state. Through this initiative, every problem faced by the tribal community will be solved. Now, this demand of tribal brethren, which has been pending for several years, will be fulfilled,

informed BJP City District President Subhash Kasangottuwar during a press conference. He said that the demand of the Maharashtra State Scheduled Tribe Commission had been pending for several years. Initially, it was limited to mere announcements only.

But due to the decisive follow up ensured by Chief Minister Fadnis & efforts of Tribal Development Minister Dr. Uike, this demand has been fulfilled. This commission will be given the statutory status of a chairman and four non-official members. A provision of Rs

4.20 crore has been made for the creation of 26 posts, office space, staff, necessary facilities and machinery for the functioning of the commission.

The establishment of the commission will pave the way for direct and immediate decisions to be taken on issues related to the state's Scheduled Tribes community.

It will be possible to keep track of problems in areas such as education, health, employment, land, water, housing and implementation of schemes and take concrete measures. In particular, the Commission will closely

monitor whether various schemes and concessions of the government reach tribal community and justice is provided to the needy or not. This is a decisive step taken by the regime for the empowerment of Scheduled Tribes and ensuring that they get their rights. By establishing the commission, the Maharashtra government has ensured that the tribal community gets its rights. This decision is a far-sighted one and a decision meant for firmly integrating the tribal community into the mainstream of development. Be it obstacles in education, healthcare related problems, land-related issues or benefits of government schemes, now all these matters will be heard at one place and decisions will be taken quickly. Kasangottuwar informed in a press conference. BJP District President Scheduled Caste Morcha city Dhanraj Kove, Arun Madavi, Arvind Madavi, Kishor Atram, Vicky Meshram, Chandrakala Soyam, Dattu Korbate, Seema Madavi and Yashwant Sidam were present during the press conference.

Dudharam Sawwalakhe, fellow activists join BJP in Bawankule's presence



Ramtek 8 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): BJP party induction and activists' gathering programme was organised at Durgadevi square in Nagardhan, Ramtek taluka, in the presence of BJP state president and Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule on Saturday. In this programme, former Zilla Parishad member of Nagardhan Zilla Parishad Circle, Dudharam Sawwalakhe, a close aide of Congress veteran leader Sunil Kedar, joined BJP. Along with him, many Sarpanches, Deputy Sarpanches, Gram Panchayat members and

former Congress office bearers expressed their faith in BJP's ideology and joined the BJP party.

BJP state president Chandrashekhar Bawankule assured that Nagardhan area will not be facing shortage of funds as far as development initiatives are concerned. The party induction programme and workers' meet was attended by former legislator and BJP leader D. Mallikarjuna Reddy, former legislator Sudhakar Kohle, District President (Ramtek) Anandhar Raut, BJP District President (Katol) Manohar Kumbhare, District General Secretary Uday Singh Yadav, Rinkesh Chaware, District

Vice President Sanjay Mulmule, former Speaker Narendra Bandhate, BJP District Secretary Anil Kolhe, former ZP member Satish Dongre, Venkat Karemore, former PS member Naresh Meshram, former Mayor Dilip Deshmukh, Sarpanch Maya Damahe, Ramtek Taluka President Yogesh Matre, Kanhan Mandal President Birendra Singh, Sanjay Ajabale, Sadaram Gathe, Nandkishor Kohale, Ranvir Yadav, Jyoti Kolhepara, Deepak Mohad, Sagar Londhe, Bhaskar Raut, Pankaj Gharjale, Sunil Gaigaye, Premdas Sayre. Activists and office bearers were present in large numbers on the occasion.

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Skywalk to ease congestion, improve access at Cotton Market square

Nagpur 8 June: In a bid to streamline pedestrian movement and enhance metro accessibility, Maha Metro has begun construction of a new skywalk at Cotton Market Square—one of Nagpur’s busiest intersections. The skywalk is expected to benefit not only metro users but also pedestrians and motorists traveling through the junction. According to Maha Metro officials, the structure is being anchored by concrete extensions from central metro pillars at the square. The first phase of girder casting—where steel rods protruding from the main pillar were concreted and plastered—has already been completed, though it caused temporary disruptions to vehicular traffic. A similar process will now be carried out on a second pillar located towards Ghat Road. The skywalk will eventually connect these two pillars, providing a raised pedestrian corridor over the bustling square. The landing point of the skywalk will be on the right side of Ghat Road, where construction is already underway. Speaking to reporters, Rajeev Tyagi, Project Director at Maha Metro, explained that the Cotton Market metro station was developed as part of Phase



1 of the Nagpur Metro project. Currently, the station has a single entry point on the Mahatma Phule Market side. The new skywalk will provide an additional entry directly opposite the existing one, significantly easing commuter flow. The project is expected to be completed by October or November this year, Tyagi added. Once completed, the Cotton Market end of the skywalk will also be developed into a commercial hub. Plans include retail outlets, staircases, and two elevators, along with a parking area to serve metro passengers accessing the station through the new walkway.

SMHRC launches region’s most inclusive De-Addiction Centre to combat rising substance abuse crisis in Vidarbha

Nagpur 8 June: In response to the growing menace of substance abuse across Nagpur and the wider Vidarbha region, Shalinaiti Meghe Hospital & Research Centre (SMHRC) has launched a comprehensive Integrated De-addiction Centre, making quality and affordable addiction treatment accessible to the underprivileged. SMHRC, the 1020-bedded flagship teaching hospital of Datta Meghe Institute of Higher Education & Research (DMIHER – Deemed to be University)—a NAAC A++ accredited health sciences university with a CGPA of 3.78 in its fourth cycle (the highest in India)—continues to lead public healthcare innovation in Central India. The initiative comes at a critical juncture as the Vidarbha region witnesses a disturbing rise in substance abuse cases, particularly among adolescents and youth. The widespread consumption of tobacco, alcohol, and synthetic drugs has led to increased instances of oral cancer and psychiatric disorders, with rural and urban populations alike affected. Despite this growing crisis, dedicated and affordable de-addiction facilities remain scarce. At the personal insistence of Shri Sameer Meghe, MLA – Hingna Constituency, SMHRC has operationalized this initiative with the goal of reaching the most vulnerable sections of society. The De-addiction Centre is spearheaded by senior faculty members including Dr. Pradeep Patil, Dr. Prashant Bharbat, Dr. Abhijeet Faye, Dr. Apurva Joshi, Dr. Amita Kamdi, and Dr. Seeta Verma, who have together developed a multidisciplinary, patient-centric model.

Key Features of the De-addiction Centre:

- No charges for bed, doctors, or nursing care
- Subsidized rates for medicines, diagnostics, and procedures
- Integrated treatment involving psychiatry, psychology, general medicine, homeopathy, yoga therapy, and social work
- Dedicated psychosocial rehabilitation and family counselling services

This initiative is designed to ensure equitable access without financial discrimination, thereby supporting the Government of India’s “Swasth Bharat, Samrudha Bharat” mission. As a charitable trust-run institution, SMHRC has consistently demonstrated its social commitment through active participation in national health schemes including PMJJAY, MJPJAY, REBSK, DBCS, and CMRF. Its vast community health outreach through Mobile Medical Units, Mohalla Clinics, Urban and Rural Health Centres, and Village Adoption Programs has allowed it to reach the most underserved populations. The newly launched centre is strategically positioned within this ecosystem, offering a unique blend of medical and holistic support under one roof, with the involvement of full-time, qualified specialists. It is currently the only facility in the region offering such a comprehensive, integrated approach to addiction treatment. Patients and families seeking admission or information may contact Dr. Shivam Gupta at 8080136101 to enquire about bed availability. Through this bold and timely initiative, SMHRC once again affirms its role as a regional leader in inclusive, ethical, and impactful healthcare delivery.

Pachpaoli police crack 11 incidents of housebreaking, vehicle thefts

1 Arrested, 2 juvenile offenders detained in Nagpur



Nagpur 8 June: In a major breakthrough, Pachpaoli Police unearthed a total of 11 theft cases—including two housebreakings and nine vehicle thefts—after arresting one suspect and detaining two juveniles in conflict with the law.

The team also recovered stolen property worth Rs 10.15 lakh. The case began with a burglary reported between midnight of May 8 and 11 a.m. on May 31, 2025. A complaint was filed by Neetuja Shekhar Mandpe (36), a resident of Plot No. 876 near Chandramani Buddha Vihar, Pachpaoli. She reported that while her neighbour Ujjwala Warke was away in the United States with her family, an unidentified thief broke the lock on her house and stole Rs 10,000 in cash kept under a bed in the bedroom. Based on her complaint, an FIR was registered under Sections 305(a), 331(3), and 331(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Pachpaoli Police Station against unknown persons.

During the investigation, on routine patrolling near Bajirao Sakhare Library in Lashkaribagh, the police noticed three

suspicious individuals loitering on a blue Activa (MH-49-CG-0351). Upon questioning, one of them identified himself as Gaurav Rajendra Rathod (20), a resident of MHADA Colony, Nari Road, Jaripatka, Nagpur. The other two turned out to be juveniles. Upon interrogation, the trio confessed to stealing the said vehicle from near Taj Hotel at Ashinagar Chowk, within Pachpaoli limits, three days earlier.

They also admitted to committing the housebreaking incident reported earlier. Further questioning revealed their involvement in a wider spree of thefts across the city including one housebreaking in Kshaparkhed, one vehicle theft in Pachpaoli (apart from the Activa), two vehicle thefts in Sonagaon, one vehicle theft each in Hudkeshwar, Dhantoli, Ajni, Bajaj Nagar, Sadar, and Koradi. In total, the gang confessed to nine vehicle thefts and two housebreakings. Police have seized Rs 2,000 in cash, gold and silver ornaments, a tablet, and several two-wheelers—altogether valued at Rs 10.15 lakh.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Nurses from American Oncology Institute, Nagpur save drowning child during team outing



Nagpur 8 June: A day meant for celebration turned into an unexpected emergency for the nursing team from American Oncology Institute (AOI), Nagpur, as they stepped in to save a young girl from drowning. The team had gathered at Dream Asia Water Park to mark International Nurses Day with a well-earned break. While enjoying the day, they noticed a young girl lying unconscious

in the water. Without hesitation, Staff Nurse Ms. Komal Bhagat jumped in and pulled the girl out. She was immediately joined by Senior Staff Nurse Ms. Priyanka Landge, who began performing CPR.

As the situation remained critical, nurses Ms. Payal and Ms. Kiran took turns with CPR for more than 10 minutes until the child began to respond and her condition stabilized. Their presence of mind,

teamwork, and professional skills made all the difference in that critical moment.

This incident highlights the sense of responsibility nurses carry with them—whether inside a hospital or outside.

Even during their own time off, they didn’t think twice before stepping in to help someone in need. It’s a powerful reminder of the role nurses play in protecting lives, wherever they are.

Pads, power, and progress: NMC launches menstrual health mission for Nagpur’s girls

Nagpur 8 June: In a powerful stride toward dignity, health, and equality, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has launched a citywide menstrual hygiene initiative that promises to change how adolescent girls experience their periods — and their education. As part of the programme, every girl in NMC-run schools and junior colleges will receive six sanitary napkins per month, totaling 72 a year — absolutely free. But this isn’t just a pad-distribution drive. It’s a movement to normalise periods and empower girls with the knowledge and confidence they deserve. Trained professionals will hold interactive sessions in schools, teaching girls proper hygiene practices, eco-friendly disposal methods, and how to speak openly about menstruation. Importantly, boys and

teachers are being trained too — as “Menstrual Hygiene Ambassadors,” they’ll help break the silence and create supportive, stigma-free environments. The initiative also includes customised learning materials — from visual aids and story-based books to life skill activities — all designed to spark open conversation and self-confidence. To measure impact, NMC will collect feedback from students, teachers, and principals, ensuring the programme evolves with real voices at its core.

By putting menstrual health on the education map, NMC is making sure no girl ever misses school because of her period — and more importantly, that she never feels ashamed of it again.



World Environment Day celebrated with enthusiasm at Uday Physiotherapy Medical College, Drugdhamna

Wadi 8 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): World Environment Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Shri Sai Taj Polytechnic, Uday Physiotherapy Medical College, and Parshwanath Public School through a joint initiative at Drugdhamna. The event commenced with a tree plantation drive led by renowned nutritionist Dr. Rashmi Murarkar.

Alongside her, the institution’s Director Uday Tekade, Director Dr. Anita Tekade, Principal Dr. Rashmi Mahulkar, Dr. Supriya

Tambe, faculty members, and students also participated in the plantation activity and pledged to protect and preserve the environment. In his inaugural address, Director Uday Tekade emphasized the importance of tree plantation, calling it the need of the hour.

The event was compered by Riya Kohale and Pranay Khaire, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Rashmi Mahulkar. The successful organization of the event was made possible by the efforts of Pranay

Khaire, Omkar Madavi, Aachal Gurnule, Anushree Rathod, Ayushi Kappate, Dhruv Changanji, Garishma Lonare, Himanshu Dhole, Alisha Shaikh, Sakshi Madankar, and Saloni Khobragade, along with the active support of faculty and staff members.



Pharmacy employee tip off leads to Rs 70 thousand robbery in Nagpur

Dhantoli cops nab trio within 24 hours



Nagpur 8 June: In a swift breakthrough, Dhantoli Police apprehended three men involved in a Rs 70 thousand armed robbery targeting a cash pickup agent, following a critical inside tip provided by an employee of Getwell Pharmacy. The incident occurred on June 3, Monday, and all suspects have been arrested. The complainant, employed with SISH Prosegar Holdings Pvt. Ltd. as a SISH pickup agent, was assigned to collect money from clients and deposit it in the

saffron-coloured Honda Dio scooter. Accused Tushar alias Dharma Ranjit Meshram (20), and Sameer Vijay Kawle (22), intercepted the agent near the hospital. Brandishing a knife, they threatened the victim and forcefully snatched a bag containing Rs 70 thousand cash and important documents before fleeing the scene. Following the FIR registered under Sections 309(4) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Dhantoli Police Station, the police launched an intensive

investigation. Using footage from over 100 CCTV cameras and advanced technical analysis, the police first tracked and apprehended Tushar Meshram.

His interrogation led to the arrest of co-accused Sameer Kawle. During further questioning, it was revealed that Accused Aman Dadarao Todsam (24), an employee at Getwell Pharmacy, had tipped off the robbers about the cash movement, making him a conspirator in the crime. He was arrested for his indirect but crucial role in facilitating the robbery. The police recovered stolen items, including Rs 70 thousand in cash, the knife used in the robbery, and the scooter used during the crime—collectively valued at Rs 1,05,100. All three accused have been remanded to police custody till June 8 for further investigation.

The operation was carried out under the supervision of Commissioner of Police, Joint CP, Additional CP (North Region), and senior officials from Sitabuli and Zone 2 divisions. The investigation team included PI Anamika Mirzapure, PSI Sanket Chaudhary, PSI Dhanraj, PSI Sanket Chaudhary, PSI constables. Further investigation is underway.

Indian Society of Periodontology Nagpur Study Group organises INTEGRATE 2025 Conference

Nagpur 8 June: The Indian Society of Periodontology (ISP) Nagpur Study Group, in collaboration with the Indian Dental Association (IDA) Nagpur, successfully hosted the two-day national conference, INTEGRATE 2025, on June 5-6, 2025, at Ranjeet Deshmukh Dental College and Research Center, Nagpur.



Dr. H S Grover, National President of ISP, graced the event as the Chief Guest. In his keynote scientific address, Dr. Grover emphasized the importance of preserving natural teeth whenever possible, alongside the careful and precise use of dental implants in modern dental practice. The conference featured prominent dignitaries on the dais including Dr. Ashish Jain, ISP National Secretary; Dr. Nitin Dani; Dr. Abhay Kolte, Dean of RDCC; Dr. Mangesh Phadnaik, Vice President of ISP; Dr. R S Shenoi; Dr. Tushar Shirrao, President of ISP Nagpur; and Dr. Vaibhav Karemore, Secretary of ISP Nagpur. INTEGRATE 2025 attracted over 200 delegates from

dental colleges across Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and other parts of central India. The event featured engaging scientific sessions delivered by distinguished speakers such as Dr. Ashish Jain, Dr. Amit Benjamin, Dr. Jagdish Pai, Dr. Pinak Kapadia, Dr. Kaustubh Thakre, and Dr. Vaibhav Tiwari. The conference also hosted an Intercollegiate Periodontology Quiz, an e-Poster competition, and a Panel Discussion, all of which received enthusiastic participation.

Senior periodontists from Nagpur, including Dr. R K Yeltiwar, Dr. R M Kohad, Dr. Rageshree Mankar, Dr. Dipti Gattani, along with National Coordinator Dr. Girish Bhutada and IDA Nagpur

Secretary Dr. Ketan Garg, Dr. Achint Chachada, Dr. Sandip Fulanti, and Dr. Kiran Savakare, honored the occasion with their presence. The successful organization of the conference was made possible through the efforts of the ISP Nagpur Study Group committee members: Dr. Rajashri Kolte, Dr. Surekha Rathod, Dr. Dhawal Mody, Dr. Vivek Thombre, Dr. Vinisha Bajaj, Dr. Vrushali Mody, Dr. Mitul Mishra, Dr. Lokesh Daswani, Dr. Kalpalk Peter, Dr. Pallavi Sonpimpale, Dr. Farooq Khan, Dr. Ripunjay Tripathi, Dr. Neha Nainani, and Dr. Prachi Ikhar. Dr. Tushar Shirrao delivered the welcome address, and Dr. Vaibhav Karemore delivered the vote of thanks, marking the conclusion of a highly successful scientific event.

400 Nagpurians to participate in Pachmarhi Monsoon Marathon

Nagpur 8 June: Addressing media persons race director Mitesh Rambhadi said the event has been certified by the World Athletics (International Measurement Certificate) and Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS). The event will be held in four categories including 5 km, 10 km, 21 km and 42 km for men and women. Runners from all across India and international athletes have registered for the marathon. Niranjan Jadhav, a double amputee from Mumbai, who lost both his legs in an accident, will be participating in the 21 km run at the event. Due to limited stay options in Pachmarhi, the organisers have kept a cap of only 1500 entries. Mitesh Rambhadi informed that more than 1000 runners have already registered for this annual event. The Full Marathon will be the ultimate test of endurance, stamina and training. All runs will be timed using RFID Timing Chip. All participants will get a timing chip, timing certificate, t-shirt, finishers medal, post race refreshments, and complete route support. Top three finishers in men and women in all age categories will be given trophies. Registration will be accepted for first 1500 participants. Last date of entries is June 20 and it can be confirmed on registration link <https://www.townscript.com/e/pachmarhi-monsoon-marathon-42003>. Senior consultant, marketing and PR, MPTB Sharad Marathe and Mayank Sharma, Co-founder Adventures And You were present during the press conference.

Cash and gold worth Rs 8.65 lakh stolen in Burglary in Sakkardara

Nagpur 8 June: Unidentified thieves broke into a locked house in Thakur Plot, Teacher’s Colony under Sakkardara Police limits, and decamped with valuables worth Rs 8.65 lakh, including cash and gold ornaments. According to the complaint by Sheikh Irfan Sheikh Mehboob (32), the incident occurred between 10:30 p.m. on June 5 and 6:00 a.m. on June 6, while he and his family were away at his elder sister’s residence. The burglars allegedly broke the main door lock and latch, entered the bedroom, and stole Rs 1,00,000 in cash



along with gold and silver ornaments. A case under Sections 305 and 331(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, has been registered at Sakkardara Police Station by PSI Sanjay Singh. Police are examining CCTV footage and gathering clues to identify the culprits. The investigation is ongoing.

CPS student clinches AITA under-12 girls’ doubles title in Indore

Nagpur 8 June: Tiaana Thakkar, a promising young athlete from Centre Point School International, showcased her skills on the court at the AITA Under-12 CS7 Tennis Tournament, hosted by the Indore Tennis Club.

Teaming up with partner Gargi Oak, Tiaana dominated the girls’ doubles category, defeating Anaya Rath and Devina Dhupar in straight sets, 7-5, 6-1, in an impressive final display. The duo’s commanding form was evident from the semifinals, where they outclassed Eva Mangrola and Ediva Dhakad with a convincing 6-1, 6-0 victory. Despite her doubles triumph, Tiaana narrowly



missed the singles crown. She stormed into the final by defeating Amayra Gupta 6-2, 6-1 in the semis and overcame Aradhya Pawar 6-3, 6-2 in the quarterfinals, before succumbing to her doubles partner, Oak, in two sets (2-6, 2-6). Tiaana’s development has been guided at NDHTA Ramnagar by coaches Navin More, Vishal Langde, and Jai Joseph—a coaching trio she credits for her success.

Land acquisition dispute: Farmers call off Jal Samadhi protest after positive response from WCL

Wani 8 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Farmers affected by the land acquisition in Ukni village, who had announced a Jal Samadhi (water-immersion) protest on June 9, have now decided to call off the agitation following positive discussions with MP Pratibha Dhanorkar and senior officials from Western Coalfields Limited (WCL). The announcement was made by the Farmers' Struggle Committee (Shetkari Sangharsh Samiti). Last week, representatives of the committee met MP Dhanorkar at her Warora office, followed by a meeting on Saturday with WCL officials at the Tadali headquarters in Chandrapur. These meetings led to a mutual understanding and assurances regarding the pending land issues. Out of the total agricultural land in Ukni, 85% has already been acquired by WCL.

However, the remaining 15%, which amounts to

around 600 acres, has not been acquired. Approximately 175 farmers depend on this land for their livelihood. The lack of acquisition has placed these farmers in a precarious situation, pushing them to the brink of starvation and forcing them to vacate their land. The farmers have been following up on the issue for a long time, and the protest was declared after no satisfactory resolution was received. The delegation from the Farmers' Committee met MP Dhanorkar on June 4, where she assured them of action and subsequently communicated with WCL authorities. Following that, the farmers met WCL officials at the Tadali office, where they were informed that the land survey had been completed and the acquisition process was in its final stages.

Based on this positive development, the committee has decided to suspend the protest. The discussion was



attended by WCL General Manager (Operations) Sujit Kumar Pisharodi, Regional Planning Officer Pradeep Raghot, Deputy General Manager Sameer Barla, Regional Survey Manager R.B. Singh, Senior Manager

L.S. Thorat, WCL Safety Committee Member Sanjay Khade, and various members of the Farmers' Struggle Committee including President Suresh Vitthal Dhapkas, Working President Amol Vitthalrao Puradkar,

Vice President Parag Manohar Turankar, Secretary Sachin Junarkar, Joint Secretary Sachin Parshuram Lode, Treasurer Manoj Ghanshyam Khade, and other members Chandrakant Bapuji Jivtode, Padmakar

Babarao Jhade, Mahesh Motiram Patil, Vikas Ramesh Lalsare, Santosh Maroti Dhande, Kisan Sitaram Parshive, Legal Advisor Adv. Suraj Mahatale, and Media Coordinators Sanjay Balakrishna Bandurkar, Deepa Santosh Tingre, Usha Rahu Thakre, Sachin Shirsagar, among others.

The farmers have put forth the following key demands:
* Immediate acquisition of the remaining 600 acres and appropriate compensation.

* Employment for dependent family members of project-affected farmers.
* Timely completion of Ukni village's rehabilitation process.

* Compensation to be calculated based on the 2025 CSR rates.

The Farmers' Committee has clarified that while the protest is currently suspended, they will continue to monitor the promises made by WCL and take further steps if required.

Darwha Taluka President Post Pending

DARWHA / NAGPUR POST: According to the new organizational policies of the Bharatiya Janata Party, only people in the age group of 35 to 45 will be given a chance to be elected as Taluka President.

Due to this condition, the post of Darwha Taluka President has been pending for many days. Many loyal and experienced workers have been out of the competition for this post due to the condition. The party leadership has implemented this age limit to give a chance to new faces. Due to this, there is a feeling of displeasure among those who have been working for the party for a long time, while on the other hand, there has been enthusiasm among the new workers. Some workers who have been active in Darwha for two decades are finding the age limit troublesome, so their chances of being selected for the post of President have decreased. Some youths who have



joined the party in recent times have shown active participation in party work. The age limit condition has opened the doors of leadership for them. As per the party rules, the party high command has the right to relax the age limit. That is why senior workers still have some hope that the party will show flexibility, taking into account their experience. It will be interesting to see who is given the post of president in Darwha taluka now, and whether the age limit remains the same or is relaxed.

Violence, suicides inside Nagpur Central Jail mirror city's worsening mental health crisis

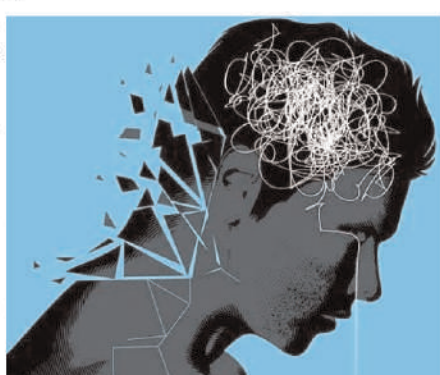
Nagpur 8 June: As Nagpur battles a sharp surge in suicides and violent offences, a similar disturbing pattern is unfolding behind the high walls of Nagpur Central Jail. Between 2019 and 2024, the prison reported five inmate-on-inmate assaults, six suicide attempts (one resulting in death), one case of attempted murder, and seizures of contraband including a mobile phone and ganja, as per data from Dhanolti police station. Frequent altercations involving inmates from rival gangs continue to fuel body offences inside the jail. In 2021, a rare case of attempted murder was also registered within the prison premises, underscoring the volatile environment. Mental health issues are becoming a pressing concern inside the correctional facility. According to jail authorities—who spoke on condition of anonymity—the psychological toll of isolation, separation from family, and inability to adjust to prison life are major reasons driving inmates to self-harm or suicide. In a notable 2021 case, Roshan Kayyum Sheikh (31), a resident of P&T Colony, Katol Road and a convict under MCOCA, attempted suicide using the elastic band of his underwear to hang himself from an iron bar.

A vigilant jail guard managed to intervene just in time and saved his life. The year 2023 witnessed the highest number of suicide

attempts inside the jail in recent times—four in total—including one fatality. In February, an inmate tried to end his life by setting fire to his bedding. He was isolated in a separate cell due to

tuberculosis, and although he suffered burn injuries, jail guards were able to extinguish the fire in time. In June, 40-year-old murder convict Shamrao Shende died by suicide inside the jail's painting store room. Shende, convicted for killing his wife in Gadchiroli in 2020, used his pyjama string to hang himself from a window grill. These incidents are part of a wider mental health emergency in Nagpur. Police records reveal that from January 2019 to December 2024, the city reported a staggering 4,206 suicides. Of these, 2,414 victims (81%) were men, with family issues identified as the leading cause.

Mental health experts warn that the growing number of cases points to untreated depression, societal pressure, and lack of access to psychological care. At the state level, Maharashtra recorded 129 unnatural deaths of prisoners between 2010 and 2022, with 70 (54%) of these classified as suicides, according to



National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data. Experts stress that both correctional facilities and civil society must prioritize mental health support. With suicide rates rising both inside prisons and across the city, the need for early intervention, counseling, and public awareness has never been more urgent. Recognizing the gravity of the issue, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued detailed guidelines to prevent suicides in prisons. These include:

* Psychological assessments of new inmates by trained medical officers.

* Mental health training for correctional staff.

* Regular interaction of prisoners with family and the outside world through meetings, newspapers, TV, and recreational activities.

* Periodic audits of jail premises to identify and eliminate hanging or anchoring points.

* Creation of suicide-resistant cells inside prisons.

Man stabs mother to death in Saoner, arrested within hours

Saoner 8 June: In a shocking case of domestic violence, a 25-year-old man was apprehended for allegedly stabbing his mother to death in Saoner, located in Nagpur district. The incident occurred on Friday night and has left the local community in disbelief.

The accused, identified as Mukesh Maraskolhe, was arrested within four hours of the brutal murder of his 49-year-old mother, Pramila Maraskolhe, police confirmed on Saturday, June 7. Preliminary investigations suggest that the attack took place during a heated domestic dispute. Following the crime, local police

launched a swift operation and succeeded in nabbing the suspect shortly after the incident. The crime scene—the family's residence—now stands sealed as police continue their probe. Mukesh has been remanded to police custody till June 9 as officials work to determine the exact sequence of events and the motive behind the tragic incident. Police officials stated that further questioning is underway and a detailed report will be submitted once the investigation is complete. The murder has sent shockwaves across Saoner, a normally peaceful town, where residents are struggling to come to terms with the incident.

Guardian Minister slams civic body over delay in retaining wall works

Nagpur 8 June: Nearly 20 months after the devastating flash floods of September 2023, critical retaining wall works across Nagpur's rivers remain incomplete, exposing the city to yet another monsoon disaster. At a high-level review meeting on Saturday, guardian minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule criticised the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) and contractors, citing delays, fund mismanagement, and subletting of major projects. The meeting, attended by senior officials including chief engineer Manoj Talewar, MLAs Pravin Datke, Krishna Khopde, and former corporator Narendra Borkar, revealed that despite a sanctioned outlay of Rs204.71 crore for flood mitigation including Rs163.23 crore for 56 retaining wall works and Rs33.74 crore for 41 damaged roads, progress was sluggish. NMC's own presentation claimed 50 wall projects were complete and 5 ongoing. However, independent



reports and ground feedback exposed a different picture, especially in flood-hit areas like Kumbhartoli, where no work had begun. Officials admitted that contractors who took up assignments worth

Rs10 crore and Rs6 crore under the Rs150 crore tender sublet them to petty agencies with limited capacity. "This subcontracting without oversight has brought the entire project to a crawl," Borkar told reporters, who also attended the meeting. Even more alarming was the funds bottleneck.

Though tenders worth Rs154.42 crore were floated, only Rs86.63 crore was disbursed. Contractors blamed this for halting work midway.

NMC has now requested the state govt to release the remaining Rs70.26 crore. Bawankule, visibly displeased, instructed the NMC to submit a fresh proposal to the state govt for additional funds to cover remaining disaster management works, including parallel sewage and stormwater infrastructure. He also directed the municipal commissioner to immediately conduct zone-wise meetings with MLAs and ex-corporators and prepare a detailed disaster preparedness report before the monsoon sets in. He further ordered two Janta Darbar sessions at Gandhibagh and Lakadganj to directly address citizens' grievances. A zone-level review will also be held ahead of the next public hearing. Borkar pointed out that NMC is prioritising projects in areas with no immediate threat, while vulnerable localities continue to suffer. "This mismanagement is nothing short of negligence," he said.



already died due to suspected suffocation or starvation. One surviving animal was rescued and handed over to a local cow protection organization. Sakkardara police have registered a case under relevant sections of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and the Maharashtra Animal

Preservation Act. The dead animals were sent for postmortem and later buried at the Bhandewadi dumping ground. Authorities have launched a full-scale investigation into the incident and are also probing if the accused were part of a larger illegal slaughter network operating in the region.

14 Cattle found dead in Nagpur 3 Booked for animal cruelty and illegal slaughter

Nagpur 8 June: In a shocking case of animal cruelty in Nagpur, Sakkardara police have booked three individuals after 14 out of 15 cattle brought for illegal slaughter were found dead. The animals were discovered cruelly confined inside a house in the Thakur Plot area, near Minar Masjid. The accused have been identified as Sultan Farukh Patel (resident of Thakur Plot), Sheikh Nashir Sheikh Nazir Qureshi (29, Azad Colony), and Javed. During patrolling around 3 pm on Friday, June 6, police received a tip-off about cattle being held in inhumane conditions. A team reached the house of Sultan Patel, where they found 15 cattle tied up in a congested space. Veterinary officers from the Nagpur Municipal Corporation conducted an inspection and confirmed that 14 cattle had



already died due to suspected suffocation or starvation. One surviving animal was rescued and handed over to a local cow protection organization. Sakkardara police have registered a case under relevant sections of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and the Maharashtra Animal

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Awareness about conservation of forests disseminated among women through 'Van Shakti' conference

Women officials from across the country hold discussions on various forest related issues

Chandrapur 8 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): The resolution to protect both the forest resources and animals on one hand and the people dependent on forests for their livelihood on the other was taken during the National Conference witnessing participation of women employees in the forest sector, 'Van Shakti 2025'. Women from across the country associated with the forest department and forest sector raised awareness for forest conservation through this conference.

The two-day National Conference 'Van Shakti 2025', organised by the Maharashtra State Forest Department and Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve, Chandrapur, concluded on Friday, June 6. The conference was successfully held at the Chandrapur Forest academy on June 5 and 6, 2025. Women officials working in the forest sector, journalists, researchers, biologists, NGOs, veterinary sector and women working in forest-based industries from all over India participated in the programme.

During the seminar on the first day of 'Vanashakti 2025' conference, Padma Shri 'Seed Mother' Mrs. Raibai Popere made the attendees aware about traditional indigenous seeds. She appealed to everyone to eat organically grown food. The seminar was attended by Madhu Sharma, a retired forest officer of the Karnataka Forest Department, Sunita Katkar, Sarpanch of Mohorli, and Meenakshi Walke, an entrepreneur active in the bamboo sector. The seminar was led by Prerna Bindra, a PhD scholar



from the University of Cambridge. On the occasion, Sarpanch Sunita Katkar expressed the hope and expectation of the citizens of the area dependent on forests. Retired forest officer Sharma narrated her experience while in service. She provided information about various aspects through a PPT presentation. Dr. Prerna Bindra also commented on various aspects including women in leadership roles in the forest sector.

The second seminar was attended by CS Ramalakshmi, Retired Specialist Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh Forest Department, Sunita Bhagwat and Shivani Dogra, Telangana Forest Department, Prakriti Srivastava, Retired Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Kerala Forest Department, and Dr. Gopa Pandey, Retired Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department. Shobha Royuru, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Forest Force Chief, Telangana Forest Department. All these dignitaries ably led the conference. On the second day of the conference, on

Friday, women from the forest sector from across the country visited Atal Bihari Vajpayee Botanical Garden, Visapur and Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve to understand the role of women in wildlife management and forest conservation. The topics discussed included the courage and leadership of women officials and employees in the forest sector, working in the forests, protecting endangered species and managing man-animal conflict in challenging landscapes.

The seminar was attended by Neha Panchmia, President of RESQ Charitable Trust, Rasilaben Wadher, Range Forest Officer, Gujarat Forest Department, Anjana Tirke, Area Director, Panna Tiger Project, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department, and Bahar Dutt, Environmental Journalist and Conservation Biologist. The seminar was led by Prerna Bindra, PhD Scholar, University of Cambridge. In the concluding programme, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Shomita Vishwas highlighted the aim behind organising the national conference.

Paddy MSP increased by Rs 69?

Farmers mocked by the government

Mul 8 June

(NAGPUR POST/TC): The central government has increased the minimum support price (MSP) of 14 crops for the 2025-26 Kharif season. In this, it has fixed Rs 2,369 per quintal for paddy (normal) and Rs 2,389 for Grade-A paddy. The government has mocked the farmers by increasing it by Rs 69 compared to the previous year. The cost of paddy farming in Vidarbha is increasing day by day. Due to the cost of cultivation, increasing prices of fertilizers, seeds, increased labor rates, and increase in the prices of petrol and diesel, the cost of cultivation per acre of paddy farming has reached Rs 21 to 22 thousand. While the production of paddy per acre is 18 to 20 quintals, and after deducting the cost, three to four thousand rupees are left in the hands of the farmers. Earlier, the cost of farming was low. Therefore, even if the production decreased a little, the farmer did not face financial difficulties. But now, due to mechanization, the cost of agriculture has



increased tremendously. To cover this cost, 100 percent production is necessary. That is why the farmer is in financial difficulties. About 80 percent of the total agricultural production is spent. Barely 20 percent profit is obtained. Even in that, if the production decreases, the concerned farmer has to bear a big blow. If weather supports, 20 percent profit is obtained. Otherwise, one has to bear losses.

Paddy farming cost (in acres).

* Plowing with a tractor Rs. 5000

* Paddy planting Rs. 4000

* Fertilizers and pesticides Rs 5000

* Rice harvesting Rs. 3500

* Threshing Rs. 1500

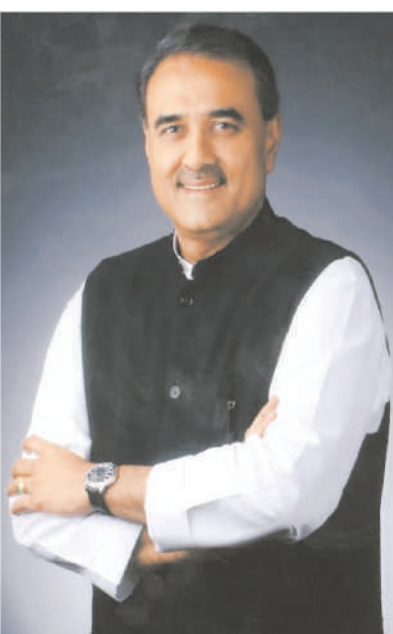
* Spraying, watering, labour Rs. 2000

Bonus amount will be deposited in farmers' accounts

*** MP Praful Patel's follow-up bears fruit**

Gondia 8 June

(NAGPUR POST/DC): Always ready to help farmers, MP Praful Patel has always worked for the benefit of the farming community. On Friday, MP Praful Patel held a detailed discussion with state Finance Minister and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar regarding the issue of pending paddy bonus. As a result of this fruitful discussion, the government has decided to distribute the bonus money and on Friday itself, a fund of Rs 900 crore will be made available to the District Marketing Federation. Finance Minister and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar has assured to disburse payment of the remaining amount in the next 10 days or so and he has instructed the concerned officials to deposit the bonus amount in the bank accounts of paddy farmers as soon as possible.



The Mahayuti regime had announced to give bonuses to farmers who sold at the government support procurement centre. MP Praful Patel has been in constant contact with state Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister and the concerned officials to resolve this issue so that the farmers get the paddy bonus money as soon as possible. His efforts will provide great relief to thousands of farmers.