

BULLS EYE

First consolidate Marathi, then propagate Hindi

The kind of public sentiments that are currently being expressed in our Maharashtra regarding Hindi language. Leaving aside the politics of it, we should consider that. The ruling party says that the opposition is making unnecessary noise on this issue because of the elections. We will accept their statement for a while. If we consider the education system since India gained independence, then in the last ten to fifteen years, there has also been a classification in education. Earlier, there was no such thing as separate schools for the rich and separate schools for the poor. In the same class, the children of the richest people in the village and the children of the poor and middle class used to study together. Back then, government schools were really good. Teachers taught the students with passion. Similarly, students also respected their gurus sincerely as per the saying 'Guru Brahma Guru Vishnu Guru Devo Maheshwara, Guru Sakshat Parabrahm Tasmai Shri Guruve Namah'. Even during that time, some gurus were not worthy of respect to some extent. But still, most teachers considered it a privilege to educate students despite their low salaries. Now the question remains about language. In the early days, there was a rule that children should be taught their mother tongue till the age of ten or eleven. At that time, primary education was imparted in Marathi in most schools in Maharashtra. Except for some metropolitan cities or big cities in the state, there were very few schools in English or other languages. In some schools, Urdu was taught for a specific community. Primary education should be imparted in the mother tongue. Because at that time, teaching other languages to five-six year old children was like linguistic rape. The language we speak at home or among ourselves should fit into the minds of children. Because that language does not have to be learned. Children acquire that language from birth. In our Maharashtra, three languages, Marathi, Hindi and English, were taught from the fifth standard. Out of these, students used to try to learn Hindi. There was never any opposition to Hindi in Maharashtra. On the contrary, there was a very widespread university of education in Wardha called Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti. Exams were conducted for this not only in Maharashtra but also in Hindi-speaking states across the country. Hindi exams were conducted in schools by Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti. Students used to respond enthusiastically to exams like Covid, Ratna, and Sahitya Ratna. In Maharashtra, exams were also conducted by Maharashtra State Rashtrabhasha Sabha, Pune. Currently, in this era of marketization, the education market has started. Children are being exposed to English from the first grade. In education too, there is a situation where the schools of the rich are separate and the schools of the middle class and the poor are separate. In the confusion of all this education system, the number of government, municipal, and district council schools is decreasing day by day. The number of students in them is decreasing. Like Jagarhati, English is now being introduced in many of these schools. In such an environment, children should be educated in their mother tongue in the initial stages, but this is not happening anymore. Those who study in their mother tongue. They are considered to be people from a different class. Due to not being educated in their mother tongue until the age of ten to twelve, the home language is Marathi, the school language is English, and the language of education is dependent on wealth. Today, the eyes of the middle class come to tears just hearing the fees of education in private schools. In such a situation, if we try to impose three languages, Marathi, Hindi and English, from the first grade, what a terrible situation it will create. Is anyone going to think about it? It should not be unreasonable to say that the government and the opposition are trying to burn their political coals by unnecessarily politicizing this delicate issue and for whatever reason. You should write it down, in the next few years, there will be very few pure Marathi speaking and writing classes in our Maharashtra. If we consider all these things from a scientific point of view, then it will be a great injustice to learn multilingualism on young students. Today, students have to carry a school bag that weighs a lot at the cost of their lives. How much the linguistic weight of the students will increase when another language weighing a kilo is added to that bag. However, no one knows. The three-language formula is not applicable in many states in India. The southern states are at the forefront in this. Even in Gujarat, which emerged from the Mumbai state, three languages are not taught in the primary class. In the Hindi-speaking region, no other language is taught. Therefore, instead of mixing languages in the minds of students during the basic education period, students should first learn their mother tongue and only then mix in other languages. If this is done, there will be no time for agitation in the state. Maharashtra is a state that believes in equality of all languages. This generosity of Maharashtra should continue in future too. With this in mind, we have adopted the path of giving this genuine advice from our Kharikhari. For this, the formula should be laid down as follows: first the foundation of Marathi, then the illusion of Hindi. All concerned should not mind considering this.

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Govt tables supplementary demands of Rs 57,509 crore

Mumbai, June 30 (UNI)

On the first day of the three-week monsoon session, the Maharashtra government today tabled supplementary demands of Rs 57,509.71 crore in the state legislative assembly to allocate funds for various schemes and projects. Maharashtra Finance Minister and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar tabled supplementary demands of Rs 57,509.71 crore for the financial year 2025-26 in the state legislative assembly to allocate funds for various schemes and projects. Supplementary demands are additional funds sought by the government over budgetary



allocations. The Deputy Chief Minister presented these demands on the first day of the three-week monsoon session. These funds will be extensively used for infrastructure projects such

as roads, metro, irrigation schemes in the state, planning and implementation of Simhashtha Kumbh Mela, Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Health Scheme, Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar (Destitute)

Grant Scheme, scholarships for backward students as well as for the development of weak and deprived sections of society. Of the supplementary demands submitted by the Deputy Chief Minister, Rs 19,183 crore and 85 lakh are mandatory, Rs 34,661 crore and 34 lakh are supplementary demands under the programme and Rs 3,664 crore and 52 lakh are supplementary demands under the centrally sponsored programme in line with the availability of financial assistance. Although the gross supplementary demands are Rs 57,509 crore and 71 lakh, its actual net burden is Rs 40,644 crore 69

lakh. The government has earmarked Rs 11,042.76 crore for grants as per the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission, and it has also made a provision of Rs 6,952 crore for public health. The government has made provision of Rs 3,228.38 crore for refunds related to stamp duty surcharge to metro projects, municipal corporations, municipal councils, and Zilla Parishads. With an aim to revitalise sugar cooperatives across Maharashtra, the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has approved a margin money loan of Rs 2,182.61 crore to the state government.

Hindi not national language to impose on other states, says Raj Thackeray

Mumbai, June 30

(UNI) Reacting on the Mahayuti government's announcement regarding the withdrawal of government resolutions mandating the teaching of Hindi in schools from Class 1, MNS chief Raj Thackeray today said that Hindi is not the national language but is the language of one region and hence, it cannot be imposed on other states. "Many people from North India come to Maharashtra for work. If this is the case, then Marathi should be taught in their states instead. Why impose Hindi in Maharashtra, and over Marathi?" he said during a press meet.

6 Killed, 20 injured in chemical factory explosion in Telangana

Hyderabad, June 30 (UNI) Six people were killed and 20 others injured, some of them critically, following an explosion in a chemical reactor at a factory in the Pashamylaram industrial area of Sangareddy district in Telangana this morning. According to police, the explosion occurred at Sigachi Industries, triggering a massive fire that engulfed parts of the facility. Upon receiving the alert, 11 fire engines rushed to the spot and managed to bring the blaze under control. The force of the blast reportedly threw workers into the air, with some landing as far as 100 meters away. Factory management stated that around 30 workers were on duty at the time of the incident. While five workers died on the spot, one more succumbed to injuries at the hospital. The explosion also caused severe damage to the factory's manufacturing and administrative buildings. The injured were immediately shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment. Officials warned that the death toll may rise further, given the severity of injuries.

Oppn claims victory as state shelves Hindi education policy

Mumbai, June 30 (UNI) Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray declared the Maharashtra government's withdrawal of controversial Hindi language directives resulted from overwhelming public and opposition pressure, as the state legislature's monsoon session commenced today. Thackeray joined opposition legislators in a symbolic "Mi Marathi" (I am Marathi) protest on Vidhan Bhavan steps, hours after the session began.



The Jagannath Yatra holds immense significance in Hinduism, considered extremely sacred and meritorious. It's believed that pulling Lord Jagannath's chariot absolves one of all sins. Following this tradition, some religious institutions in Yavatmal organized a grand Jagannath Rath Yatra, which was welcomed grandly at various places.

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Take action on complaints filed in Grahak Sanrakshan Parishad: Collector Meena

YAVATMAL/NAGPUR POST: The law has provided various types of protection to consumers. Also, regulations have been made to ensure that they get the best services and goods and that they are not cheated anywhere. These rules must be followed everywhere in the district. District Collector Vikas Meena suggested that departments should take action within the time limit on complaints filed by consumers in the district as well as complaints filed in the District Consumer Protection Council. The District Collector reviewed the District Consumer Protection Council at Mahasul Bhavan. The meeting was attended by Additional District Collector Anil Khandagale, District Supply Officer Sudhakar Pawar, Deputy Superintendent of Police Sunil Hood, District Information Officer Mangesh Warkad, along with non-official members Dr. Narayan

Mehre, Prof. Dr. Keshav Chetule, Virendra Chaubey, Hitesh Seth, Dr. K. S. Verma, Santosh Domale, Shekhar Band, Pramod Kumar Bajoriya, Rajendra Nimodiy, Deshmukh. Since October 2023, the council has received 121 complaints. Out of which 78 complaints have been resolved. The departments should review and submit a report on why the remaining complaints remained pending. The department that is related to the customers must take regular action every month regarding the complaints of the customers and the services provided to the customers. The District Collector also directed that the departments should take such action and report on the action taken every month. The members of the council should prioritize the collective issues of the consumers, and all departments including non-governmental members



should cooperate with the administration to provide relief to more consumers in a short period of time. The Kharif season is currently underway, so seeds, fertilizers, and medicines should be available to consumers at the right price and of good quality. He instructed farmers to be vigilant in the district so that consumers are not cheated in the matter of agricultural inputs. It is mandatory to display price lists and stock information of seeds,

fertilizers, and medicines at all agricultural centers. However, some shops are not following this, the members complained. Therefore, the District Collector suggested that the Agriculture Department should submit a report with a photo in the next two days on whether such information has been displayed by the agricultural center operators or not. In the previous meeting, instructions were given to the departments to appoint nodal officers for timely action on the

complaints filed in the council, he said, the departments which have not appointed such officers should do so immediately. The District Collector directed action on issues raised by the members on various topics such as autorickshaw tariff, availability of generic medicines, distribution of ration cards, noise pollution, inspection of weighing scales, adulteration of milk, curd and milk products, purity and quality of food and medicines, etc.

Elder brother strangles younger brother to death

Duo arrested, incident comes to light at Hardona

Rajura 30 June: An elder brother strangled his own younger brother to death at Hardona (Bu) village of the taluka. The incident took place at 9 pm on Saturday (June 28). The deceased has been identified as Pradeep Manohar Chilmule (24). In this case, police have arrested his father Manohar Bakka Chilmule (50) and brother Praful Manohar Chilmule (28). On June 28, at around 9 pm, the deceased Pradeep had a fight with his wife. He started beating her. His elder brother Praful Chilmule tried to resolve their



dispute. However, Pradeep in turn hit him on the hand with a stick. Therefore, his father Manohar Chilmule also went to resolve the dispute. Pradeep Chilmule was not listening to either of them. Pradeep knocked Pradeep down. He strangled him too. Due to this, Pradeep fell unconscious. He was taken to the rural hospital in

Gadchandur for treatment. However, the doctors declared him dead. Meanwhile, Rajura police registered a case against the suspect under Section 103(1), 3(5) of BNS and arrested Manohar Bakka Chilmule and Praful Chilmule. This action was taken by Police Sub-Inspectors Laxma Lokare, Pandurang Hake, Bishmaraj Sorte, Kishor Tummaraj, Shafiq Sheikh, Mahesh Bodgolwar, Sharad Rathod, Anand More under the guidance of Police Inspector Sumit Parteki

Illegal orphanage busted in Nagpur, two minors rescued

Nagpur 30 June: A major racket of an illegal orphanage has been exposed in Nagpur, where unsuspecting citizens were being duped in the name of helping orphaned children. Operating without the mandatory registration certificate under the Juvenile Justice Act, the so-called Shri Ananth Seva Ashram was collecting amounts ranging from Rs 500 to Rs 10,000 from people under the pretext of supporting orphans, a report in a local Marathi daily said. Acting on a tip-off, a team from Maharashtra Times posed as donors and infiltrated the Ashram to expose the harsh reality. Inside, 16 minors were reportedly housed, some of whom were allegedly orphans, according to a staff member. With the help of the District Women and Child Development Department, the operation was busted, and two minors were rescued by the Pachpaoli Police. Shockingly, the Ashram had hired agents who went door-to-door, emotionally manipulating citizens into donating money by invoking the plight of orphaned children. Records maintained by these agents confirmed the illegal collections. The media team immediately alerted Childline and District Child Protection Officer Mustaq Pathan, who further informed District Women and Child Development Officer Ranjit Kunhe. Acting swiftly, Pathan, accompanied by Childline counsellor Mangala Tembhurne and team members Meenakshi Dhadade, Pooja Kamble, and Megha Patil, reached the Ashram located in a secluded lane of Ashok Nagar area of the city. The facility was locked



when the team arrived. On the pretext of celebrating a birthday, they convinced the staff to open the gates, during which the existence of orphaned children was admitted. Though the Ashram claimed to house 16 children, only three were found on the premises — raising serious questions about the Ashram's credibility. Once it was established that the Ashram was illegal, Pachpaoli Police were called in. Shockingly, it took over an hour for the police to arrive, by which time one of the three children had already disappeared. The remaining two minors were safely rescued. During police questioning, the Ashram operator confessed to running the facility without the mandatory registration certificate under the Juvenile Justice Act. Assistant Police Inspector Pramod Sonawane, PSI Sunil Tidke, along with Mukesh Yadav, Geeta Awasthi, and Asha Padwal, played key roles in the operation. Pachpaoli Police are now conducting further investigations to expose the full extent of the racket and track down those responsible for exploiting public sentiment under the garb of charity.

Now, train reservation chart to be prepared 8 hours before departure

Nagpur 30 June: In a major move to enhance passenger convenience, Indian Railways on Sunday announced that it has decided to prepare the reservation chart 8 hours before the train's departure, instead of the current practice of 4 hours. This change is aimed at reducing the uncertainty faced by passengers, especially those with waitlisted tickets. The decision was taken after Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw reviewed the progress of reforms in the ticket booking system. He stressed that the entire ticketing experience should be smooth, transparent, and efficient, keeping passenger convenience at the centre.

Officials said that for trains departing before 2 pm, the chart will be prepared the previous day at 9 pm itself. This change will be implemented in a phased manner to ensure a smooth transition without any

disruption. The move will especially benefit passengers coming from remote areas or the suburbs of big cities, as they will now get more time to check their ticket status and make alternative travel arrangements if needed. Passengers with waitlist tickets will get early updates on their ticket confirmation status, making their travel plans more predictable. Along with this, Indian Railways is also working on upgrading its Passenger Reservation System (PRS), which is expected to be completed by December 2025. The new PRS is being developed by the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) and will be capable of handling ten times the current load. Once implemented, it will allow booking of over 1.5 lakh tickets per minute and handle more than 40 lakh ticket enquiries per minute. The upgraded PRS will offer a user-friendly and multilingual



interface, with new features such as fare calendars, seat preference options, and integrated support for Divyangjan, students, and patients. Additionally, starting from July 1, only authenticated users will be allowed to book Tatkal tickets on the IRCTC website and mobile app. By the end of July, Tatkal bookings will require OTP-based authentication using Aadhaar or any other verified government ID linked to the user's DigiLocker.

Rain relief for Nagpurians after two days of heat, humidity

Nagpur 30 June: After two days of intense heat and humidity, Nagpur residents finally got much-needed relief late Sunday night as clouds gathered over the city, followed by light to moderate showers that cooled the atmosphere. According to the Meteorological Department, the city recorded 14.2 mm of rainfall over the past 24 hours. Rain had eluded the city for the last two days, but light showers began in several parts of Nagpur on Saturday night. The intensity increased in the early hours of Sunday, with several areas witnessing heavy rainfall that continued till morning, providing respite from the sweltering heat and humidity. As per the Meteorological Centre, the rainfall recorded till 8:30 am on Sunday stood at 14.2 mm in the city. Officials have attributed the showers to a low-pressure area that has formed over the Bay of Bengal, which is likely to bring intermittent rainfall to Nagpur and other parts of Vidarbha



over the next 2-3 days. Thunderstorms and heavy showers are also expected in isolated areas during this period. Despite the onset of the monsoon, many parts of Vidarbha continue to face a deficit in consistent and adequate rainfall required for sowing, leaving farmers worried. Several farmers had begun sowing their crops during the initial spell of rain in the last week of June. However, the sudden break in rainfall has forced many of them to consider re-sowing, adding to their financial burden and anxiety. The farming community across the region is now anxiously waiting for the monsoon to stabilize to avoid further losses.

Sunday is Funday': Miam Charitable Trust brings hope and learning to tribal children in Nagpur-Affected Gadchiroli

Gadchiroli 30 June: In a heartwarming and impactful initiative, Miam Charitable Trust has launched a unique weekly program titled "Sunday is Funday" to uplift and educate tribal children in the remote and Naxal-affected regions of Gadchiroli district. Spearheaded by dedicated social worker Nitu Joshi, the initiative aims to steer children away from substance abuse and towards education, confidence, and joy. Recognizing the lack of educational and recreational exposure in these areas, the program offers a refreshing

blend of fun and learning. Every Sunday, children gather to play with toys, bicycles, and sports equipment, while also engaging in interactive lessons that make education enjoyable. Chocolates and small gifts add a celebratory touch to each session, encouraging participation and regular attendance. "Our aim is not just to entertain children but to build their confidence and give them a new direction in life," said Nitu Joshi. "If we nurture these young minds today, they can become responsible and

empowered citizens tomorrow." The trust, under Joshi's leadership, has also been active in other social causes — from supporting orphaned children and students preparing for competitive exams to providing free books and school materials for children of farmers and tribal families. Their efforts continue to make a significant difference in some of Maharashtra's most underserved communities.



Sushila Deshpande passes away

YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: Sushila Deshpande, wife of late Venkatesh Deshpande, a senior citizen, social worker and senior Sangh volunteer (R/o Shivaji Nagar Yavatmal) passed away on Monday, June 30 at 9.45 am. She was 96 years old. She is survived by her sons Dr. Sudhir, Dr. Sridhar, Ravindra and Subhash, daughters Vijaya, Aarti and Anjali and a large family. The last rites of late Sushila Deshpande will be performed on Tuesday, July 1. The funeral procession will leave from her house at 10 am. Sushila Deshpande, known as the heroine of the struggle during the Emergency, fought a great struggle during the Emergency fifty years ago. During that time, she waged Satyagraha thrice and was imprisoned thrice. She was also an active worker of the Loktantra Senani Sangh. Due to her husband Venkatesh allies Kaka Deshpande's connections, Sushila Deshpande got the opportunity to host dignitaries like Shri Guruji, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, Balasaheb Deoras, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Moraraj Pingle. It is noteworthy that all these dignitaries, overwhelmed by her hospitality, would send her special letters and reminisce about their memories.



Shiv Sena (UBT) protests against mandatory Hindi

Nagpur 30 June: The Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) faction staged a protest at Nagpur's Reshimbagh Chowk on Sunday, opposing the State Government's push to impose Hindi. As part of the demonstration, the protesters set fire to a copy of the Government Resolution (GR) mandating the use of Hindi and raised slogans against the Mahayuti Government. The opposition to mandatory Hindi implementation has been intensifying across the state. Opposition parties have accused the ruling government of conspiracy.

Appeal to be vigilant on the banks of rivers and streams

YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: During the monsoon period, citizens crowd to rivers, streams, projects, and waterfalls to watch the overflowing water. There are incidents of people falling and dying while taking selfies at such places. The district administration has issued precautionary instructions to prevent a repeat of these incidents in the district. During the monsoon period, people should avoid visiting rivers, streams, lakes, projects, waterfalls, and religious

places with their families. Avoid the temptation to take selfies near water at tourist spots, because the possibility of slipping, falling, and drowning cannot be ruled out. Avoid the temptation to swim at tourist spots. The department has been instructed to put up signs prohibiting entry of others within a two-kilometer radius of all projects in the district, except for project officers, disaster management teams, and committee officers and employees. To prevent such

incidents of death while taking selfies from recurring in the district, the village-level committee should form teams of young and aspiring people from the village and if tourists visiting tourist spots, lakes, projects, waterfalls are found climbing the walls of the projects and taking selfies, they should be immediately banned and taken out of there, because life is precious and it is our duty to take care of our own lives, said District Disaster Management Officer Satish Moon.

Administration completes measurement of petrol pump site next to Shivaji Maharaj statue

UMARKHED / NAGPUR POST: The ongoing struggle regarding the petrol pump that is obstructing the beautification work of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Ashwarudh statue being erected in the central part of the city has now gained momentum with administrative moves. The struggle of three Shiv devotees who have been on a hunger strike for the last twelve days has deepened the issue, and the administration has had to intervene directly. Citizens and Shiv devotees feel that the area around the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj should be open and clean for the beautification of the statue. However, since a private petrol pump next to the statue is obstructing this view, three Shiv devotees, Gajanan Deshmukh, Gulab Suryavanshi and Vishnu Gore, have continued their hunger strike for twelve consecutive days, firmly demanding that the relevant pump be removed and that the government should not extend its lease. On June



29, Sub-Divisional Officer Sakharam Mule and Tehsildar Rajesh Suradkar visited the hunger strike site and interacted with the agitators. They assured that the encroached area would be measured in this case. Going forward, on June 30, in the presence of the Nagpur-Tuljapur National Highway Authority's measurement team, Unmarked Public Works Department, Land Records Office, Municipal Council and Naib Tehsildar of the Revenue Department, the area around the petrol pump was measured on the basis

of actual documents. Representatives of the agitators were also present during this measurement, which ensured transparency in the measurement process. In this regard, the hunger strikers are firm on their stand and have a clear stance that the actual encroachment should be removed after the measurement and legal action should be taken against it. They have again clarified that they will not withdraw the hunger strike until the encroachment is removed. The entire city's attention is now focused on the upcoming action of the administration. There is curiosity everywhere about what decision the government will take regarding the petrol pump after removing the encroachment after the measurement. Shiva devotees and citizens are looking forward to seeing the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in a completely open, elevated, and inspiring form for all to see.

Memories of Misabandi Madhukar Gandhe rekindled



UMARKHED / NAGPUR POST: BJP Pusad District President Dr. Aarti Fupate visited the residence of Misabandi late Madhukar Gandhe and rekindled memories. District General Secretary Mahesh Kaleshwarkar, Shekhar Tivarangkar and Sapna Rasekar were present with her. Gandhe was a loyal activist of the ideas of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak

Sangh and Jana Sangh. During the Emergency, he kept the torch of democracy alive by serving 19 months in jail. In this meeting, Rajani Gandhe shared her memories of the Emergency and said that he lost his job. 19 months in jail and then many months of unemployment. She said that she survived those days because the workers of the Sangh Jana Sangh helped us by giving us grains, rice and

pulses. Today, while criticizing those who made dramatic speeches to save the Constitution, Dr. Fupate said, "At that time, there were not just slogans, but people who truly sacrificed for democracy. Gandhe was their symbol. This emotional meeting awakened a sense of history and gratitude." This seed of democracy planted in the soil of Umarkhed continues to inspire even today.

PI Besarkar appointed as Maregaon PSO



MAREGAON / NAGPUR POST: As the main police station in the tribal-dominated taluka, Maregaon Police Station is proving successful in maintaining law and order. Illegal liquor sale is going on in the taluka in a secret manner. On this, the public's attention is focused on whether Police Inspector Umesh Besarkar, who has recently joined

Maregaon Police Station, will curb the illegal business in the taluka or will the illegal business continue as per the formula of 'Nava Gadi, Nava Raj'. Maregaon taluka is peace-loving. People of all religions live in harmony. Since there has been no major unpleasant incident regarding law and order, there is not much pressure on the

police administration. However, in view of the frequent incidents of gambling, matka, illegal liquor sale, sand smuggling, parking of passenger autorickshaws on the road, and thefts in the weekly market, the newly joined police inspectors need discipline to bring all this under control. A recreational club is operating in Maregaon with the government's license. There is talk that card gambling is going on there. How the Thanedar looks at all these ongoing matters will be important. There are large-scale layouts for urban settlements all around the city. The public's question is that anti-social activities like drinking alcohol at night and consuming drugs like ganja should be curbed here. However, since illegal business gets blessings from above, it would be a vain hope that illegal business will be curbed for the time being.

Blood donation camp organised at SBI

PUSAD / NAGPUR POST: State Bank of India's Pusad branch organised a blood donation camp on June 24 to mark its 70th anniversary and presented an inspiring example of social commitment. On this occasion, 70 donors donated blood. The inauguration was done by Chief Manager Parmeshwar Panchal. Human Resources Manager Kunal Deep was present on this occasion. This camp was organized in collaboration with Medicare Blood Bank. The planning and implementation of the camp was done under the guidance of Regional Manager Prashant Ekude. All the employees of the branch actively participated in this activity. Especially Raju Chilgar and Raju Suroshe played an important role in the coordination and contributed to the success of the camp. Believing in the concept of 'Blood Donation Saves Life', the Pusad branch of State Bank of India has further strengthened its contribution to the society. It has expressed its resolve to organize activities in the future.



2 Sexual assault cases registered in Amravati



Amravati 30 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): Two cases of sexual assault were reported in Amravati district on June 28, raising serious concerns about women's safety. In Daryapur's Yevda area, a man allegedly raped his sister-in-law, claiming he was under emotional stress as his marriage was not being fixed. The accused was arrested following a complaint by the victim, and the crime occurred between April 25 and June 6, 2025. In

another case, a 14-year-old girl from Melghat, studying in Amravati, was raped by a 19-year-old youth from her village. The accused lured her to an under-construction building at Kathora Naka on June 26, where he sexually assaulted her multiple times. The girl confided in her mother the next day. During their return journey, the accused threatened the girl's mother before fleeing. The case was registered at Gadge Nagar police station.

Social worker Anil Vahile dies in tragic railway mishap



Dhamangaon Railway 30 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): In a heart-wrenching incident that has cast a pall of gloom over the entire Dhamangaon region, prominent social worker Anil Vahile lost his life in a tragic railway accident late on Monday night. Preliminary reports suggest that he may have fallen from a train while returning from Nagpur, where he had gone for some

personal work. The incident came to light around 1 AM on Monday night. Upon receiving information, the railway police immediately informed the Dattapur Police Station. Acting swiftly, Dattapur Police Station in-charge Girish Tathod, along with officers Navnath Khedkar, Zhatale, other police personnel, and social worker Subhash Kucheriya rushed to the spot. Identification of the deceased was established through an Aadhaar card and electricity bill found in his pocket. He was identified as Anil Vahile, a resident of Pushkarnagar, Dhamangaon Railway. The police conducted the necessary panchnama and subsequently shifted the body to the Rural Hospital, Dhamangaon Railway for post-mortem. Anil Vahile was

an active and respected figure in the social field for many years. He was known for his dedicated involvement in numerous social initiatives, particularly those aimed at helping the poor, underprivileged, and needy. His soft-spoken nature and selfless commitment had earned him great admiration in society. His sudden and untimely demise has left the Dhamangaon community in deep shock. A large number of citizens, relatives, and friends rushed to the accident site and the hospital upon hearing the news. Police are currently investigating the circumstances surrounding this unfortunate incident. The unexpected loss of Anil Vahile has created a significant void in the local social landscape, and many have expressed their heartfelt condolences on his passing.

CM, Dy CM felicitate Divisional Commissioner



Amravati 30 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): Dr. Shweta Singhal, Divisional Commissioner of Amravati, was felicitated by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde for presenting an outstanding report on defining Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for revenue officers and staff. The felicitation took place at the Maha-Stride workshop held at the Indian Institute of Management, Nagpur. The two-day workshop,

organized under the World Bank-assisted Maha-Stride project, saw participation from divisional commissioners, district collectors, and senior officials. Amravati Collector Ashish Yerekar, Akola Collector Ajit Kumbhar, Yavatmal Collector Vikas Meena, Buldhana Collector Dr. Kiran Patil, and Washim Collector Bhuvaneshwari S. attended the felicitation ceremony as committee members. Dr. Singhal stated that the task of developing

KPIs was entrusted to the Amravati division under a committee formed as per the CM's vision. With guidance from the Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) and discussions with key officials like the Registrar General and the Director of Land Records, the committee formulated practical and impactful KPIs. She emphasized that these indicators will bring clarity and improve performance evaluation across the department.

ST bus collides with car on Amravati-Nagpur Highway



Amravati 30 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): A major accident occurred near Shendola Phata on the Amravati-Nagpur highway when a State Transport (ST) bus, driving on the wrong side, rammed into a car. The incident took place on

Sunday morning, leaving 2-3 people injured and causing significant damage to the car. Fortunately, no fatalities were reported. Local residents rushed to assist the injured, and police have launched an investigation.

New reservation process for Sarpanch posts in Amravati district



Amravati 30 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): The previously announced sarpanch seat reservations for 841 gram panchayats in Amravati have been cancelled by the state government, and a new

process is underway. The reservation for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) remains unchanged, while the Other Backward Classes (OBC) quota has increased by 54 seats. As per new guidelines, 196 seats will now be reserved for OBCs, reducing the general category seats to 338. Tribal-dominated areas like Dharni and Chikhaldara will maintain ST reservations, with minimal alterations. Reservation Distribution (Out of 725 Panchayats):
* SC: 136 (Women: 68)
* ST: 55 (Women: 28)
* OBC: 196 (Women: 98)
* General: 338 (Women: 169)

Anant Bhise elected District President of Akhil Bharatiya Grahak Panchayat, Prof. Dr. Keshav Chetule appointed District Secretary

Pusad 30 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): The newly formed district executive committee of the Akhil Bharatiya Grahak Panchayat for Yavatmal was recently announced during a special meeting held in Pusad. The meeting was presided over by the regional president, Dr. Narayanrao Mehre. Anant Bhise was elected as the District President, while Prof. Dr. Keshav Chetule from Pusad was appointed as the District Secretary for the 2025-2028 term. Regional President Dr. Mehre informed that executive bodies will also be formed in all talukas across the district in the coming month. The meeting witnessed the presence of a large number of office-bearers and members, including Vidarbha regional organizational minister Bhau Khedkar, regional secretary Charudatta Chaudhary, and executive member Shobha Gaikwad. The newly announced district executive committee includes:
* President: Anant Bhise
* Vice Presidents: Dr. K. S. Verma, Prof. Mateen Khan
* Secretary: Prof. Dr. Keshav Chetule (Pusad)
* Joint Secretaries: Pramod Bajoria, Jinedra Bengale
* Treasurer: Suresh Katarmal
* Women's Wing Head: Adv. Anupama Date
* Consumer Guidance Head: Adv. Utpal Mahajan
* Publicity and Media Head: Surendra Mishra
* Legal Affairs Head: Adv. Jeevan Lathi
* IT Cell Head: Pravin Patil
* Employment Generation Head: Ashok Tayade



Heavy vehicles roaming freely despite ban

Badnera 30 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Despite a ban on heavy vehicles within city limits, trucks continue to ply through key roads in Badnera, especially in markets and near the bus stand, causing severe traffic disruption. The stretch from Jayhind Chowk to Shivaji Statue and the weekly market area sees frequent congestion as traders unload goods directly on roads. Citizens have demanded strict enforcement from traffic police and the municipal administration to curb this violation and restore order.

Protests break out across Amravati against mandatory Hindi education



Amravati 30 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): Widespread protests were held across Amravati district against the government's decision to make Hindi compulsory from Class 1. Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray faction), BJP, and local citizens led the demonstrations. In Irwin Chowk, Shiv Sena leaders including City Chief Pravin Harmakar and District Chief

Manoj Kadu set ablaze the government circular to express their opposition. In Achalpur, the protest was led by District Chief Narendra Padole at Jai Stambh Chowk, where effigies were burnt and slogans raised. In Chandur Bazar, a large protest was staged with participation from prominent Shiv Sena leaders, demanding withdrawal of the government's decision, citing threats to Marathi identity.

Lumpy disease symptoms found in stray animal at Tiwasa, villagers panic



Tiwasa 30 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): A stray animal in Tiwasa town has shown symptoms of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), sparking concern among villagers and farmers. Veterinary officials warn that the disease, although preventive vaccination was done earlier, could spread rapidly due to stray cattle. Veterinary Officer Dr. Parikshit Katkhede emphasized the increased threat due to rising stray animal population, especially for mixed cattle. Livestock Development Officer P.C. Wankhade noted that symptoms appear in 1-2 out of every 10 animals, and proper monitoring and isolation are key to control. Villagers have urged authorities for immediate action, including isolation, vaccination, disinfection, and regular monitoring.

Youth ends hunger strike after assurance on road repairs

Daryapur 30 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Youth activist Om Rane ended his five-day indefinite hunger strike after receiving a written assurance from the government regarding long-pending road repairs in Daryapur town. Rane had demanded urgent attention to the dilapidated roads, including those in Sangludkar Nagar, Hingani Road, and Jagruti Colony. Sub-divisional Officer Anil Bhatkar provided the written assurance, and a special meeting on July 19, chaired by Guardian Minister Chandrashekar Bawankule, will review the roadworks. Rane's protest garnered support from political and social organizations, and public frustration over civic neglect was strongly voiced.

Dr. MA Shahzad retires after four decades of distinguished academic service

Ghatanji 30 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): A chapter of excellence in education came to a graceful close as Dr. M. A. Shahzad, Principal of Shikshan Prasarak Mandal's Science and Gilani Arts & Commerce College, Ghatanji, retired after an illustrious 40-year journey in the academic world. His retirement evokes a blend of respect, admiration, and heartfelt emotion among students, faculty, and the wider educational community. Born on June 2, 1963, in Hinganghat (Wardha district), Dr. Shahzad began his teaching career on September 9, 1985, at the very institution he would later lead. His commitment went beyond delivering lectures—he shaped young minds with values of scientific thinking, discipline, sincerity, and perseverance. Since assuming the role of Principal on July 22, 2008, Dr. Shahzad provided visionary leadership, guiding the college through significant academic and institutional achievements. Under his stewardship, the college received NAAC accreditation three times since 2009, a testament to his dedication to quality education. With over 17 years of research experience, Dr. Shahzad has specialized in Embryology and Mycology, guiding three research scholars and contributing 15 research papers and six books. He also successfully organized two national and two international conferences, earning accolades such as:
* Distinguished Researcher Award (Colombo, Sri Lanka)
* Lifetime Achievement Award (Singapore)
* Fellowships from esteemed institutions like FISCA,



FABT, and FVMV. In addition to his academic pursuits, Dr. Shahzad held various university-level responsibilities—serving as a paper setter, evaluator, examination officer, and subject expert. He was also a member of Boards of Studies, syllabus committees, and the Botany Teachers' Association. A lifelong member of prestigious organizations such as the Aerobiological Society of India, Mycological Society, and International Science Congress, his contributions extended beyond the classroom into the broader scientific and educational community. Those who know him describe Dr. Shahzad as disciplined, approachable, calm, and deeply principled. While he was an exceptional educator and an even better administrator, he is remembered most fondly for being a genuinely good human being—a rare quality that made him a mentor and guide to many. As he steps into retirement, colleagues believe that his passion for research and social service will continue. His legacy, both as an academician and as a compassionate leader, will remain a guiding light for future educators. "To describe him simply as a professor or principal would be incomplete—he is a man of integrity, humility, and lifelong dedication to education." The institution and its people bid him farewell with immense gratitude and heartfelt wishes for a peaceful, healthy, and fulfilling life ahead. A hundred salutes to Dr. Shahzad Sir—for his service, wisdom, and humanity.

BUSINESS

From Jaipur to Nagpur, Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Ignites a Nation of Problem-Solvers

Gurugram 30 June: From the sunlit classrooms of Jaipur to the buzzing lecture halls of Nagpur, a powerful question echoed across campuses: "What problem will you solve for India?" That question lies at the heart of Samsung Solve for Tomorrow, a national innovation challenge that is transforming students into changemakers—and campuses into launchpads for the future. After a successful launch on April 29, the design thinking workshops and college Open Houses swept across India—reaching not just major metros but also the vibrant heartlands of the Northeast. Samsung Solve for Tomorrow 2025 will provide INR 1 crore to the top four winning teams to support the incubation of their projects, along with hands-on prototyping, investor connects, and expert mentorship from Samsung leaders and IIT Delhi faculty. At Neeraj Modi School in Jaipur, over 1,000 students filled the auditorium with their ideas, ambitions, and dreams. Among them, Naman Lakshani found himself thinking beyond textbooks: "I've always wanted to build something that could solve real-world issues. Samsung Solve for Tomorrow showed me that someone out there actually wants to listen to us—and help make those ideas real." Anshika Gupta, another student, added: "It felt like a spark. This programme is not just about innovation—it's about inclusion. It made me feel like I could be a part of building India's future, even while I'm still in school." The journey continued to Maharaja Sawai Bhawani Singh School, also in Jaipur, where Ishan Sharma, part of a 850-strong student turnout, found his perspective shift: "I realised that I don't need to graduate or become an adult to solve problems. If we have ideas now, Samsung Solve for Tomorrow wants to hear them. That's empowering." In Nagpur, the vibrant community of Ramdeo Baba University welcomed the campaign with open minds and open notebooks. Among 640 participants, Manya shared her dream of building AI-driven solutions for public health: "For once, a platform came to us—to our campus, to our city—and said, 'Let's build something that matters.' It's not just a competition. It's a launchpad." Even virtually, the momentum didn't stop. Shanti Business School in Ahmedabad hosted one of the largest online Samsung Solve for Tomorrow open houses yet, with over 1,700 students tuning in. Discussions ranged from clean energy to accessibility tech. "It felt like a national classroom of creators," one student shared in the chat. "We were miles apart, but our ideas connected." In Bhopal, Oriental Institute of Science and Technology (OIST) brought the conversation to ground zero—how students can use tech to tackle local problems. With 290 students in attendance, the event had a quiet, determined energy. "We don't just want to dream. We want to build," a student said. "Samsung Solve for Tomorrow is giving us the blueprint." As Samsung Solve for Tomorrow rolls across India, it's making one thing clear: Innovation doesn't belong to labs or big cities.



EDITORIAL

Harsher punishment for sacrilege in Punjab

It's been a decade since Punjab was rocked by a series of sacrilege incidents. These disturbing cases, coupled with the death of two Sikhs in police firing during an anti-sacrilege protest in Faridkot's Behl Kalan village in October 2015, continue to reverberate in political circles of the state. Even as the trial in various cases drags on, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government has announced that it will introduce a legislation to ensure harsher punishment for acts of sacrilege against scriptures. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has justified the need for a separate law on the grounds that the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) doesn't have any specific provision regarding holy books. Section 298 of the BNS pertains to destruction, damage or defilement of any place of worship; the offence is punishable with imprisonment up to two years. This jail term is regarded as woefully inadequate for the grievous harm done to scriptures.



TMC leaders' remarks exhibit pervasive misogyny

There's a sickening familiarity to the remarks by two senior leaders of the ruling party in West Bengal over the alleged rape of a law student in Kolkata. Once again, a brazen attempt has been made to place the blame on the victim. Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Mahua Moitra has been blunt in expressing her dismay. Misogyny, she said, cuts across party lines. What makes it worse and even more reprehensible is that years of rule and leadership of a firebrand Chief Minister like Mamata Banerjee have failed to infuse sensitivity or a mindset change within the TMC. The crassness on display is certainly not confined to her state. Political slugfests in the aftermath of heinous crimes anywhere in the country invariably see deeply troubling patriarchal mores being unmasked, as well as the most shameful commentary.



Bidhan Chandra Roy

Bidhan Chandra Roy (1 July 1882 – 1 July 1962) was an Indian physician and politician who served as Chief Minister of West Bengal from 1950 until his death in 1962. He played a key role in the founding of several institutions and cities like Salt Lake (now a part of Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation), Kalyani, and Durgapur. In India, the National Doctors' Day is celebrated in his memory every year on 1 July. He was awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour in 1961.



Early life and education
Bidhan Chandra Roy was born on 1 July 1882 to a Bengali Kayastha family in Bankipore in Patna, where his father, Prakash Chandra Roy, coming from a wealthy family of Satkhira, Khulna district, Bengal Presidency (now in Bangladesh), was serving as an excise inspector. His mother, Aghorkamini Devi, was religious and a devoted social worker. Roy was the youngest of five siblings, with 2 sisters (Susharbashini and Sarojini) and 2 brothers (Subodh and Sadhan). His parents were ardent Brahmo Samajists. Prakash Chandra was a descendant of the family of Maharaja Pradapaditya, the rebel Hindu king of Jessore, but did not inherit much wealth from his ancestors. He earned a moderate salary for most part of Roy's childhood, but he and Aghorkamini supported the education and upbringing of both their own children and a number of other poor children, mostly orphans. Roy left Patna in June 1901 to study at the Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata. While at medical school, he came upon an inscription which read, "Whatever thy hands findeth to do, do it with thy might." These words became a lifelong source of inspiration for him.

Intending to enroll at St Bartholomew's Hospital to complete further studies in medicine, Roy left for Britain in February 1909 with Rs 1,200. The then dean of St. Bartholomew's Hospital was reluctant to accept an Asian student and rejected his application. Roy submitted several additional applications until the dean, after 30 admission requests, admitted him.

Career
Upon returning to India, Roy joined the Provincial Health Service. In addition to a private practice, he served as a nurse when necessary. He taught at the Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata and later at the Campbell Medical School (now NRS Medical College) and the Carmichael Medical College (now R.G. Kar Medical College). He served as the first president of Cardiological Society of India from 1948 to 1950.

Roy believed that swaraj (the call to action for India's freedom) would remain a dream unless the people were healthy and strong in mind and body. He made contributions to the organisation of medical education. He played an important role in the establishment of the Jadavpur T.B. Hospital, Chittaranjan Seva Sadan, Kamala Nehru Memorial Hospital, Victoria Institution (college), and Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital. In 1926,

the Chittaranjan Seva Sadan for women and children was opened by Roy.
■ Roy was also Mahatma Gandhi's personal doctor and friend.

In 1925, Roy ran for elections from the Barrackpore constituency as an independent candidate for the Bengal Legislative Council and defeated the "Grand Old Man of Bengal", Surendranath Banerjee. Though an independent, he voted with the Swaraj Party (the Parliamentary wing of the Congress party in the 1920s). As early as 1925, Roy tabled a resolution recommending a study of the causes of pollution in Hooghly and suggested measures to prevent pollution in the future. Roy was elected to the All India Congress Committee in 1928. Roy conducted Civil Disobedience in Bengal in 1929 and prompted Pandit Motilal Nehru to nominate him as a member of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) in 1930. The CWC was declared an unlawful assembly and Roy along with other members of the committee were arrested on 26 August 1930 and detained at Alipore Central Jail. During the Dandi March in 1931, many members of the Calcutta Corporation were imprisoned. Congress requested Roy to remain out of prison and discharge the duties of the Corporation. He served as the Alderman of the Corporation from 1930 to 1931 and as the Mayor of Calcutta from 1931 to 1933. Under him, the Corporation expanded schemes for free education, free medical aid, improved roads and lighting, and water supply. He set up a framework for dispensing grant-in-aid to hospitals and charitable dispensaries. In 1942, Rangoon fell to the Japanese bombing and caused an exodus from Calcutta fearing a Japanese invasion. Roy, then serving as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calcutta, acquired air-raid shelters for schools and college students to have their classes in, and provided relief for students, teachers and employees alike.

Chief Minister of West Bengal
The Congress Party proposed Roy's name for Premier of West Bengal. Although Roy sought to continue with his profession, he accepted the position and took office on 23 January 1948 upon Gandhi's advice. Bengal at the time had been torn by communal violence, shortage of food, unemployment and a large flow of refugees in the wake of the creation of East Pakistan. In an address to the people of West Bengal, Roy said: We have the ability and if, with faith in our future, we exert ourselves with determination, nothing, I am sure, no obstacles, however formidable or insurmountable they may appear at present, can stop our progress... (if we) all work unitedly, keeping our vision clear and with a firm grasp of our problems. On 26 January 1950, Roy took oath as the first Chief Minister of West Bengal in Independent India. Under his leadership, the Congress party won the legislative assembly elections in West Bengal in 1952 and 1957.

Death
Bidhan Chandra Roy died on 1 July 1962, coincidentally on his 80th birthday. His house was later converted into a nursing home named after his mother, Aghorkamini Devi. He had also constituted a trust for his properties at Patna to carry out social service, with eminent nationalist Ganga Sharan Singh (Sinha) being its first trustee. National Doctors' Day on 1 July every year to honour his birthday and death day.

PINE LABS LIMITED FILES DRHP WITH SEBI

Mumbai 30 June: Pine Labs Limited ("The Company"), a technology company focused on digitizing commerce through digital payments and issuing solutions for merchants, consumer brands and enterprises, and financial institutions has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"). The offer comprises of fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to 26,000 million (2600 crore) (The "Fresh Issue") and offer for sale of 147,822,225 Equity Shares by Selling Shareholders (The "Offer for Sale"). Pine Labs processed payments of 7,531.05 billion-in gross transaction value ("GTV") and 3.97 billion transactions through its platform in the nine months period ending December 31, 2024. As of December 31, 2024, company had 915,731 Merchants, 666 consumer brands and enterprises, and 164 financial institutions, who used its platforms to enable transactions quickly, securely and easily manage their business. Pine Labs provide a wide suite of services within its Digital Infrastructure and Transaction Platform and Issuing and Acquiring Platform. According to the Redseer Report, in India, company's core market, it were the largest player in closed and semi-closed loop gift card issuances by transaction value in Fiscal Year 2024. The company were also the largest digital affordability solution enablers at DCPs in terms of total processed value, among the top five in-store digital platforms, and a prominent Bharat Connect transactions processing solutions provider in Fiscal Year 2024, according to the Redseer Report.

Foodlink F&B Holdings files IPO draft papers with Sebi

Mumbai 30 June: Foodlink F&B Holdings (India), a catering and food retail chain company, has filed preliminary papers with capital markets regulator Sebi to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO). The IPO is a mix of fresh issue of equity shares of up to Rs 160 crore and an offer for sale of over 1.19 crore shares by promoters and investor selling shareholders, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP). As part of the OFS, promoters -- Ankita Chugh, Trans Global Hotels LLP and Sanjay Manohar Vazirani -- will be offloading their stakes in the company. Arpit Khandelwal, V'Ocean Investments, Oaks Asset Management, Aarake Investments, Welspun Group Master Trust through its trustee Balkrishnan Goenka; Arin Capital Partners through T.V. Mohandas Pai and Ranjan Ramdas Pai; and Bona Terra Greenhouses LLP were the other investors who will divest their holdings in the company.

Also, the company may undertake a pre-IPO placement round to raise around Rs 32 crore. If such a placement is undertaken, then the size of the fresh issue will be reduced. As per the DRHP, the company proposes to utilise the net proceeds from the fresh issue towards setting up two new centralised kitchens and investment in its material subsidiary Foodlink Global Restaurants & Catering Services for setting up four new casual dining restaurants.

ICICI Prudential Life launches a market-linked product for the youth

Mumbai 30 June: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched ICICI Pru Smart Insurance Plan Plus, a market linked product designed to enable customers to build wealth over the long-term. This product can be purchased with a monthly premium of just Rs 1000, enabling a large cross section of young customers to systematically invest and achieve their long-term financial goals. The life cover component in the product ensures that the customer's family is financially secure. Mr. Amit Palta, Chief Product and Distribution Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance said, "India is the fastest growing major economy and pegged to become the 3rd largest by 2028, as per Morgan Stanley. The country's growth story is largely propelled by the youth, which constitutes about 65% of the population.

ENTERTAINMENT

Zee TV Stars Say NO to Plastic and YES to Sustainability this International Plastic Bag Free Day

Mumbai 30 June: International Plastic Bag Free Day, observed on 3rd July, is more than an awareness date; it's a reminder to embrace conscious living, question convenience, and commit to choices that protect our planet. For decades, single-use plastic has seeped into every corner of our lives — from grocery runs to everyday essentials — but the tide is turning. More and more people are choosing reusables, making small shifts that together create a meaningful difference. On this occasion, Zee TV artists like Nausheen Ali Sardar from Vasudha, Anushka Merchanda from Saru, Ayushi Khurana from Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, Abhishek Malik from Jabbari No. 1, Namit-Paul from Kumkum Bhagya, and Aarya Babbar from Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah reflect on the little habits they've embraced in their personal lives — each a step towards sustainability, each a reminder that real change begins at home. Nausheen Ali Sardar, who essays the role of Chandrika in Zee TV's Vasudha, said, "From grocery runs to takeout meals and daily essentials, plastic bags have quietly become a part of our routines. But over time, they have become part of a much larger environmental problem. That's why International Plastic Bag Free Day is such an important reminder: we need to pause, rethink, and make more conscious choices for a better future. Life on set involves carrying a little bit of everything — from makeup to snacks and spare shoes. So, bringing along a backpack feels natural. It's one of the simplest switches we can make, yet its environmental impact is significant. Today, many of us on set consciously carry our own backpacks on the sets of Vasudha. What began as a small personal effort has grown into a shared habit, and a quiet reminder that even amid the rush of shoot life, we always have the choice to be more mindful." Anushka Merchanda, who fondles the role of Anika in Zee TV's Saru said, "Some of my fondest childhood memories involve walking to the market with my mom and nani, carrying these colourful cloth bags made from old sarees and shirts. Each bag had a story — maybe once a festive kurta or dad's old office shirt. Back then, I thought it was just a cute, old-school habit. But now, I understand it was sustainability — deeply ingrained, quietly practiced.



I carry those memories with me every day. I still just about two cloth bags and tuck them into my backpack. It's not just about reducing plastic. For me, it's about honouring the wisdom of women who shaped me. On International Plastic Bag Free Day, I'm reminded that we don't need to look far for solutions — sometimes, they've been in our homes all along. Change starts from within, and with what we choose to carry, literally and metaphorically." Ayushi Khurana who essays the role of Reet in Zee TV's Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile said, "My shift away from plastic began with one thought that wouldn't leave me: 'Something I used for five minutes could harm the earth for hundreds of years.' It was a startling realisation. After that, I started keeping a set of reusable foldable cloth bags in my car and handbag. What surprised me was how easy it actually was. I used to think sustainability meant sacrifice, but it's just a habit shift. As actors, we are constantly seen on screens and in people's lives. I think that visibility comes with responsibility. If I can influence even a few people to rethink their habits, that's a win. To take that first step.

'Even in his serious, brooding moments as Yug, he somehow makes it look picture-perfect'

Says Ashi Singh, admiring her co-actor Shabir Ahluwalia from Sony SAB's Ufff... Yeh Love Hai Mushkil

Mumbai 30 June: It's not every day that you get to work with someone you've admired for years, unless you're Ashi Singh! The talented actress, who plays Kairi Sharma in Sony SAB's rom-com Ufff... Yeh Love Hai Mushkil, has been a fan of her co-star, Shabir Ahluwalia, and believes acting alongside him is a dream come true. The show, which explores the complicated facets of love and relationships, features Shabir as the rugged and elusive Yug Sinha, while Ashi, as Kairi, is a happy-go-lucky young woman who aspires to be a successful lawyer. While their on-screen banter is unmissable as their characters are as different as chalk and cheese, off-screen, Ashi Singh has taken up a quirky little hobby of trying to sneak



in photos of Shabir Ahluwalia when he's deep in his "Yug Zone", being elusive, broody and just a little grumpy! But as she hilariously admits on Instagram: "Tried catching a candid of Shabir in full-on Yug mode... but of course, the man still looks like he's walked straight out of a shoot. Effortlessly good looking. How do you do that?"
https://www.instagram.com/stories/_ashisingh/3664790692716501636?utm_source=ig_story_item_share&igsh=eWNvTjTjAmN3OHIs
Whether he's preparing for an emotional scene,

reading the script, or chatting with the crew between takes, Ashi's mission to capture him as this guarded character falls flat given Shabir's effortless charm which refuses to take a break.
Talking about this newfound hobby on set, Ashi Singh shares, "One of the things I really enjoy on set is watching Shabir Ahluwalia step into his role as Yug. He brings such a natural intensity to the character—it's so effortless, yet impactful. Even in his serious, brooding moments as Yug, he somehow makes it look picture-perfect. It's been genuinely inspiring to see him work up close, it's like a mini masterclass every day." Tune in to watch Ufff... Yeh Love Hai Mushkil Monday to Saturday at 8 PM on Sony SAB

'We three are called 'The Fun Musketeers' of the show'

Says Krishna Bharadwaj talking about his offscreen bond with Kunal and Nikkhil on Sony SAB's Tenali Rama

Mumbai 30 June: Sony SAB's Tenali Rama continues to keep audiences hooked with its exciting mystery arc. While the show still thrives on wisdom and wit, it also takes viewers on an investigative journey — with Tenali Rama (Krishna Bharadwaj), Laxmanappa (Kunal Karan Kapoor), and the sharp Kotwal (Nikkhil Arya) solving complex cases using old-school intelligence and deduction. But step behind the camera, and you'll find a completely different kind of scene filled with endless laughter, running jokes, and a trio that's become the heart of all the fun on set.
This trio has become the show's Fun Musketeer balancing intense sleuthing on screen with complete masti off it. Whether it's pulling harmless pranks, sharing memes, or laughing at their own bloopers, their camaraderie sets the tone for a vibrant, collaborative shoot environment. Krishna Bharadwaj opens up about their off-screen bond, saying, "Kunal & I are an absolute riot on set—like two mischievous

kids always laughing, joking, and playfully teasing those around us. Our favourite target is Nikkhil Arya, who, despite being endlessly confused by our bursts of laughter, takes it all in good spirit.
When we three come together, our off-screen chemistry is so infectious that we have rightly earned the nickname "The Fun Musketeers" of the show." Watch Tenali Rama, every Monday to Saturday at 10 PM, only on Sony SAB.



Mallika Sherawat urges people to say 'No to botox' after Shefali Jariwala's death

Mumbai 30 June: Actor Mallika Sherawat has urged people to embrace natural beauty over "artificial cosmetics" in a video message to her fans. Sherawat, known for movies such as "Murder", "Pyaar Ka Side Effects", "Welcome" and most recently "Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video", posted the video on Instagram on Sunday. In the video, she asked her fans and followers to adopt a "healthy way of living". "There's no filter I am using, there's no makeup I've put on. I haven't even brushed my hair yet. This is the first thing I am doing. I am sharing this video with you so that we all can say together, 'No to botox, No to artificial cosmetic fillers, and yes to life, yes to a healthy way of living'. Love you all," the 48-year-old actor said. Sherawat's comments come in the aftermath of actor

Shefali Jariwala's death last week. Though the official cause of her death is yet to be ascertained, some media reports claimed that Jariwala suffered a cardiac arrest. Her untimely demise has also sparked a debate surrounding the risks related to cosmetic procedures, particularly anti-ageing treatments. Alongside the video, Sherawat shared a caption encouraging people to adopt healthy habits like clean eating, staying hydrated, exercising regularly, and getting enough sleep. "Instead of chasing youth with these artificial procedures, I'm nurturing it from within. Eating clean, hydration, sleeping early and exercising are some of the practices I regularly follow. Let's embrace our natural glow," the actor wrote.

Two solar energy projects commissioned in Dhamangaon taluka

2,500 Farmers benefit from daytime power supply thanks to MLA Pratap Adsad's efforts

Amravati 30 June (NAGPUR POST/SALIL KALE): In a major development for the farmers of the Dhamangaon Railway constituency, two solar power projects have been successfully commissioned under the Chief Minister's Solar Agriculture Feeder Scheme 2.0. As a result, approximately 2,500 farmers now receive a reliable daytime electricity supply. This achievement comes as a direct result of the consistent follow-up and determined efforts of local MLA Pratap Adsad. The initiative, spearheaded by Maharashtra Chief Minister and Energy Minister Devendra Fadnis, is being implemented across the state with the goal of transitioning agricultural power supply



entirely to solar energy by March 2026. The scheme is being executed through Mahavitaran, with solar power plants being established on suitable land within a 5-kilometre radius. The electricity generated is supplied to farmers' pumps during the day through dedicated agricultural feeders connected to local substations. This system has alleviated the burden on farmers who previously had to irrigate their fields at night. Currently, around 2,500 farmers are receiving

uninterrupted and adequately pressurized electricity during the day via the agricultural feeders at Mangrul Dastagir (Substation: Jalgaon) and Devgaon (Substation: Usalgavhan). This has significantly benefited agriculture in the Mangrul and Devgaon regions, offering a new ray of hope to the farming community. In Dhamangaon taluka, there are plans to establish solar power plants with a total capacity of 30 MW under the 33/11 kV substations at Dabhada, Nargawandi, and Old Dhamangaon.

Two of these projects are already operational. Beyond just providing daytime power, the scheme is giving a strong boost to sustainable agriculture. However,

authorities have urged farmers to use this electricity wisely and limit water extraction to sustainable levels. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Pratap Adsad said, "I have consistently followed up with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis to ensure that every farmer in Dhamangaon taluka receives electricity during the day. We are now seeing the results of those efforts."

Many more projects are in the pipeline, and even more farmers will soon benefit from this initiative. The Chief Minister's Solar Agriculture Feeder Scheme 2.0 has paved the way for daytime electricity in Dhamangaon taluka, marking a new chapter in the progress and prosperity of the region's farmers.

Development works inaugurated at Hudkeshwar (Khurd) Gram Panchayat

Wadi 30 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): The groundbreaking ceremony for development work in Hudkeshwar (Khurd), Kiranapur, Dhamana, Kanhaigaon in Hudkeshwar (Khurd) group Gram Panchayat was held on Saturday (June 28) at the hands of Guardian Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule.



On the occasion, the groundbreaking ceremony was held for the construction of a road from Pawar's residence to Gadikar's house at Hudkeshwar Khurd worth Rs. 10 lakh. The construction of a road stretch from Hatwar's residence to Patil's house in Dhamana worth Rs. 10 lakh, the installation of pavement blocks in the assembly hall premises in Kiranapur worth Rs. 10 lakh, the construction of a road stretch in Kanhaigaon worth Rs. 10 lakh, the construction of a cement road in Ramai Colony at Hudkeshwar Khurd worth Rs. 6 lakh, the development of a Scheduled Caste and Neo-Buddhist community settlement worth Rs. 10 lakh and other works. Guardian Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule interacted with the villagers, took stock of their pending demands, accepted their memoranda and

directed the concerned officers to take immediate action in this concern. On the occasion, former legislator Tekchand Savarkar, Election Chief Ajay Bodhare, former ZP member Rupao Shingane, Subhash Gujarkar, Shubhangi Gaidhane, Taluka circle President Pappu Raut, Balu Ghodmare, former Taluka President Sunil Kode, founder of Shri Foundation Sanket Bawankule, Sarpanch of Hudkeshwar (Khurd) Group Gram Panchayat Meena Shende, Deputy Sarpanch Shubham Hatwar, former Sarpanch Kamalakar Shende, Gram Panchayat members Kunal Kanphade, Sachin Ghode, Komal Parteki, Mangala Bhagat, Shubham Parse, Archana Burbare, Sharda Kashte, Chandrakant Sonewane, Ganesh Aglave and Ajay Bhagat were prominently present.

Free bus passes distributed to students at Fetari



Wadi 30 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): Free bus passes were distributed to students at Savitribai Phule Vidyalaya at Fetari in Nagpur taluka under the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation's Ahilyabai Holkar Bus Pass Scheme.

The programme was presided over by Headmistress Shobha Banait, while Assistant Traffic Superintendent of Imamwada depot Rohit

Kachua, Traffic Controller Rajas Mele, Conductor Vilas Late, Driver Manish Baksre were present as the chief guests. The aim of this scheme is to provide free bus passes to students to help them travel for educational purposes. Rajendra Ghoghe conducted the proceedings of the programme and gave the introductory speech. Teacher Rutuja Malode proposed the vote of thanks. Teachers Sushma Savarkar, Swati

Radke, Sonali Bhad, Sadhana Tijare, Shashikala Dhurve, Shubhangi Khandagale, Sanjay Banait, Ranjana Kokate, Baby Phule, Kanta Lasunte, Ranjana Waghade and others worked hard to ensure the successful organisation of the programme. Parents and villagers expressed the belief that this initiative will make the educational journey of students in rural areas easier

Vijaya Karole appointed as district coordinator of women's wing, Maharashtra Andhashraddha Nirmoolan Samiti Amravati

Amravati 30 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): A district and city branch executive meeting of the Maharashtra Andhashraddha Nirmoolan Samiti (Maha. ANIS), Amravati, was recently held with great enthusiasm at the Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Ashram, Radhanagar, Amravati. During the meeting, Vijaya Karole was unanimously appointed as the District Coordinator of the Women's Wing of Maha. ANIS, Amravati. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Dr. Satish Tarai (Vice President, Maha. ANIS). The key speakers and guiding dignitaries included Gajendra Surkar (General Secretary, Maha. ANIS Maharashtra), Pramod Kolamkar (Vice President, Maha. ANIS Amravati), Subhash Gaurkhede (General Secretary, Maha. ANIS Amravati), Prafull Kukde (District President, Maha. ANIS Amravati), and Pravin Gulhane (District Social Media Coordinator, Maha. ANIS Amravati). The meeting began with the organization's anthem on superstition eradication, followed by introductions of the dignitaries and a review of past activities. Prafull Kukde presented the report on the recent state-level meeting held at Shahada, Nandurbar. A chapter from the book Timiratun Tejake was read collectively, followed by discussions and guidance on superstition eradication. Several key appointments were made: * Vijaya Karole was unanimously selected as District Coordinator of the Women's Wing. * Anchal Dhaye was unanimously appointed as District Coordinator of the De-addiction Awareness Department. * Digambar Meshram was unanimously elected



as President of the Amravati City Branch.

* Dilip Lade was given the responsibility of President of the Badnera City Branch.

* Sunita Ramteke was appointed as the Women's Wing Coordinator of the Amravati City Branch.

It was decided that the remaining vacant posts will be filled in the next meeting. Plans were also discussed for upcoming initiatives including

capacity-building workshops for volunteers, awareness camps for teachers, and miracle-busting demonstration programs. Each department was encouraged to organize activities at the community level, and independent branch-level meetings were scheduled.

The next joint meeting will be held on Saturday, July 12, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The meeting concluded with the organization's anthem and closing remarks by the chairperson. Prominent attendees included Vinodkumar Chondke (President, Daryapur Taluka), Rupava Tidke, Rajesh Gawande, Nagesh Nigale, Narendra Dharmale, Shivani Solanke, Anchal Dhaye, Manju Vasnik (from Nandgaon-Khandeshwar), Bhagyashri Khadekar, Vishakha Sawadh (Chandur Railway), Rahmat Shah, Monali Sadavarte, Manali Ingle (Badnera), Ashish Deshmukh, Digambar Meshram, Harsha Sagane, Surekha Rangari, Divakar Deshmukh, Swapnil Khadse, Ishwari Tayawade, Tejaswini Thakre, Mohammad Afsar, Wasim Raj, Manish Patil, Satish Pathade, Vedant Kolhe, Gauri Ghurde, Kirtika Sayame, Shwetavari Kolhe, and others. The previous fortnight's report was presented by Prafull Kukde. The meeting was conducted by Ashish Deshmukh, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Vinod Chondke.

Mai Marathi Ashadh Kavi Sammelan event held at Shri Kshetra Ambhora

Kuhi 30 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): The Ashadh Kavi Sammelan event and the Keshavrao Marotkar Poetry Award ceremony of 'Mai Marathi Nakshatra Pratishthan' were held on the Brahmagiri mountain on the banks of the Wainganga River in the premises of Shri Kshetra Ambhora Devasthan, situated at the confluence of 5 famous rivers in Vidarbha, with the 5 rivers flowing around and the pouring rain literally proving to be onlookers.

On the occasion, guests Dr. Bharati Khapekar, former principal of Dhanwate National College and well-known poet Bhagwat Shobhane, representative of Ambhora Devasthan and writer Sharad Shahare, president of Mai Marathi Nakshatra Pratishthan and

well-known writer Vijaya Marotkar, secretary Mangesh Bawase, treasurer Dr. Keshavrao Marotkar Poetry Award ceremony of 'Mai Marathi Nakshatra Pratishthan' were held on the Brahmagiri mountain on the banks of the Wainganga River in the premises of Shri Kshetra Ambhora Devasthan, situated at the confluence of 5 famous rivers in Vidarbha, with the 5 rivers flowing around and the pouring rain literally proving to be onlookers.

The 'Mai Marathi Nakshatra Pratishthan' organisation was thanked for the creative organisation of the concerned programme on this holy land.

"This is the 14th year of the Late Keshavrao Marotkar Memorial Poetry Competition, and this competition has been held every year at Lonavala, Goa, Anandvan, Warora and other famous places besides Nagpur. For the first time, the award ceremony was held at Shri Kshetra Ambhora. This is a unique aspect in



the field of literature. In order to organise various literary conferences at the state level, Vidarbha level, district level and local level in a quality manner, in order to provide

guidance to renowned writers in Marathi literature. The main purpose of this initiative is to find writers from Vidarbha and give them a place of honour, and best

wishes for their future journey. This was the analogy given by well-known poetess Swati Surangalikar, Presiding dignitary of Ashadh Kavi Sammelan.

Leading industrialist Sunil Kulkarni passes away

Chandrapur 30 June: Sunil Yashwantrao Kulkarni, director of Maharashtra Carbon Pvt Ltd, a well-known company in the industrial sector of Vidarbha region, passed away due to a heart attack at around 7.15 am on Monday. He was 64 years old at the time of his demise. He was the head of this company set up by Chandrapur based businessman Late Yashwantrao Kulkarni at MIDC Chandrapur. Integrity in business is the hallmark of his industrial group Maharashtra Carbon and Ujjwal Tiles. While performing his morning exercises and pursuing his daily chores, he suddenly started feeling unwell and died shortly before treatment. He is survived by his mother Ujjwal Y Kulkarni, wife Anjali, children Sumedh and Aditi, brother Hemant, sister-in-law and several other family members. The passing away of Sunil



Kulkarni, who maintained social commitment and prioritised industrial development in the region, has left the industrial sector of Vidarbha in a state of mourning. As soon as the news of his death was heard, citizens from various areas reached his residence 'Yashojwal' at Janata College square to express their condolences. The funeral procession will leave from his house to Shantidham in Chandrapur at 10 am today.

Cops solve Rs 12.39 lakh robbery case within days

7 Suspects arrested, cash and vehicles seized



Amravati 30 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): In a major breakthrough, Morshi Police and the Local Crime Branch successfully cracked a high-profile robbery involving the loot of Rs 12.39 lakh cash from CreditAccess Microfinance employees. Within days of the crime, seven accused, including a minor, were taken into custody, and a large portion of the stolen amount along with the getaway vehicles and mobile phones were seized.

The Incident
On June 25, 2025, complainant Shubham Gunwantrao Maske (25), a manager at CreditAccess Microfinance in Morshi, lodged a complaint at Morshi Police Station. Maske and his colleague Shalikhram Dhikar were en route to deposit Rs 12,39,639 in cash—collected from recoveries—at the State Bank of India, Morshi. The cash was carried in a black bag on a motorcycle. As they approached Shivaji High School, three unidentified men on a Pulsar motorcycle intercepted their vehicle, causing them to fall. The assailants swiftly snatched the cash bag and fled the scene. A case was immediately registered under IPC Sections 304(2) and 3(5) under Crime No. 347/2025.

Swift Police Action
Recognizing the seriousness of the case, Superintendent of Police Vishal Anand and Additional SP Pankaj Kumbhar promptly visited the crime scene and instructed the Local Crime Branch (LCB) to launch a parallel investigation. Three special teams were formed under the guidance of senior officers. Using technical analysis of CCTV footage and confidential informants, a major breakthrough was achieved on June 29, 2025. LCB sub-inspector Nagar Hatwadi's team detained four suspects near Maywadi Phata on Hivarkhed-Morshi Road, acting suspiciously with a black Pulsar (without number plate) and a white Honda City car (MH 01 BU 2352).

Confession and Modus Operandi
Upon initial questioning, the suspects gave evasive answers, but later confessed to their involvement. Accused Sheikh Sameer alias Sonu revealed that he had previously worked with the same microfinance company and obtained insider information from his friend and current employee Tausif Khan

Pathan. A detailed plan was laid to intercept the cash-carrying employees. On June 25 around noon, accused Sonu, Monu, Aru, and a minor traveled from Nagpur to Morshi in the Honda City. Meanwhile, Vanch alias Vishal and Gotya rode the black Pulsar. They tracked the movement of the

employees and intercepted them at a relatively deserted spot, snatching the bag and fleeing in the car. The stolen amount was then divided among the culprits at a plot in Narkhed. Sonu, Vishal, Gotya, and the minor each took Rs 3 lakh, while Aru received Rs 20 thousand.

Arrests and Recovery
Following further investigation, the remaining accused were arrested from different locations:

- * Tausif Khan Pathan from Yerala, Morshi
- * Tanisha alias Krishna alias Gotya Pandam from Ramnagar, Nagpur
- * Juvenile (name withheld) from Dharampeth, Nagpur
- The police recovered:
 - * Rs 1 lakh cash
 - * Honda City car (MH 01 BU 2352)
 - * Black Pulsar 220 (unregistered)
 - * 4 Android mobile phones
- Total seized property is valued at approximately Rs 5.6 lakh.
- Accused List**
 1. Sheikh Sameer alias Sonu Sheikh Shafi (22), Islamipura, Narkhed
 2. Sheikh Sahil alias Monu Sheikh Shafi (24), Islamipura, Narkhed
 3. Yash alias Aru Ravindra Tekade (23), Kumbharpath, Narkhed
 4. Vishal alias Vanch Rajesh Khatri (21), Ward No. 2, Narkhed
 5. Tausif Khan Sharif Khan Pathan (22), Yerala, Morshi
 6. Tanish alias Krishna alias Gotya Dhananjay Pandam (21), Ramnagar, Nagpur
 7. Juvenile from Dharampeth, Nagpur
- Investigation Team**
The successful operation was conducted under the guidance of SP Vishal Anand, ASP Pankaj Kumbhar, and SDPO Santosh Khandekar. The Local Crime Branch team led by PI Kiran Wankhade included PSI Sachin Pawar, PSI Sagar Hatwar, PSI Nitin Ingole, and staff members including Balwant Dabhan, Gajendra Thakre, Ravindra Bawane, and others. The entire team's coordination and swift action played a crucial role in solving the case and recovering a significant part of the stolen amount.

Elderly man hit by truck succumbs to injuries

Rajura 30 June: Daulat Jangu Kulmethe (65), an elderly man who had come from Bhurkunda (Buj) to admit his daughter to Rajura Sub District Hospital for delivery, died in a mishap involving a truck in front of Rajura Sub District Hospital on June 30 at around 2:30 pm.



According to the information received, Daulat Kulmethe had come to Rajura Sub District Hospital with his wife to deliver his daughter. Meanwhile, he

came out of the hospital with the intention of having tea after admitting his daughter to the hospital, but at the same time, a truck bearing number MH 40 AK 0659 hit him and killed him in the process. A case has been registered in the aftermath of this incident and further investigation is being conducted by Rajura Police.

Cotton Market Metro: 2nd Entry to open by mid-October

Nagpur 30 June: The Cotton Market Metro station is expected to open its long-awaited second entry/exit point by mid-October, as confirmed by senior MahaMetro officials.

The new 9 crore foot over bridge (FoB), cutting directly through the heart of the bustling Cotton Market square, aims to drastically improve accessibility and ease congestion at one of the Aqua Line's most strategically placed stations. Construction of the 120-meter-long skywalk began in August last year and is currently in full swing. The bridge will connect the station building to metro-owned land near Lohapul, crossing the heavily

trafficked square overhead. The structure will include a staircase and two lifts, ensuring safe access for commuters, including elderly and disabled passengers. As of now, the station operates with just a single entry/exit, making it an outlier among Phase 1 stations of the Nagpur Metro network.

The absence of a second gate not only caused operational inefficiencies but also put the station at odds with safety and accessibility standards outlined by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG). A senior MahaMetro official informed that the civil works for the FOB and entry structure are on track for completion by the end of August this year.

Emergency taught Indians the importance of democracy: Dr. Narayan Mehre



Gunakar Deshpande, Ashok Giri, Madhukar Yenuagawar, Mukund Kadam, Chandrakant Kane, Prakash Dani, Sudhir Deshpande, Dilip Kaslikar, Shridhar Deshpande, Pratibha Dev, Sulabha Bhise, Sushila Deshpande, Usha Bhise, Malti Pande, Bhagyashree Deshpande, Mangala Sarode, Hazra Begum Sheikh Kasim, Rajni Kanchalwar, Shruti Chopde, Shantabai Kothari were felicitated with shawls, shripals and saplings as democracy fighters who were Satyagrahis during the Emergency Mass. BJP achieved great success because the Satyagrahis who were imprisoned during the Emergency stood by the party and its ideas even during such a crisis. We want to respect and remain indebted to all such democracy fighters, said District President Adv. Praful Chauhan, while former Minister Madan Yerawar informed about the efforts made by the state government to increase the pension of democracy fighters who were imprisoned during the Emergency. He said that the pension law has been made and no government will be able to close it. Dr. Narayan Mehre expressed the opinion that the Emergency taught Indians the importance of democracy. The program was conducted by Suraj Gupta, while Shridhar Deshpande delivered the introductory remarks and City President Yogesh Patil proposed vote of thanks.

YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: The BJP

felicitated the democracy fighters who suffered during the Emergency on Friday, June 27, in the auditorium of Mahila Mahavidyalaya. BJP District President Adv. Praful Chavan presided over the function while former Minister Madan Yerawar, senior leader Rajendra Dange, Dr. Ashok Giri, District General Secretary Raju Padgilwar, Dr. Shridhar Deshpande, Laxmanlal Khatri, Dr. Narayan Mehre, Rekha Kothekar, Kirti Raut, Shantanu Shete, Nitin Giri, Yogesh Patil were present on the occasion. Democracy fighter Mukund Kadam, Sudhir Deshpande expressed their views on the occasion. Arun Bhise, Laxmanlal Khatri, Pandurang Zhinjurde, Manohar Dev, Vasantrao Gokhale,

Over 11K tribal posts still vacant despite court order



Yavatmal 30 June: Despite a Supreme Court directive issued nearly seven years ago, over 11,000 government posts reserved for Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates remain vacant in Maharashtra. These posts had previously been seized by non-tribal individuals using fraudulent caste certificates. According to state government records, a total of 12,520 ST-reserved posts across government departments, semi-government bodies, Zilla Parishads, municipal corporations, universities, affiliated colleges, and educational institutions both government and private were illegally occupied by non-tribal individuals between 1995 and 2015. This

came to light after a Supreme Court ruling on July 6, 2017, in re-sponse to a petition highlighting the widespread misuse of caste certificates. Though the state government acknowledged the problem in an affidavit and committed to corrective action, progress has been slow. In the six years since the verdict, only 6,810 posts have been vacated, and just 1,343 of those have been filled by eligible ST candidates. As a result, 11,227 posts remain unfilled. Many unemployed tribal youth, now nearing the upper age limit for government jobs, are being deprived of their rightful opportunities due to the prolonged inaction. A Government Resolution issued by the General Administration Department on December 21, 2019, had directed that all such seized posts be vacated and filled by December 31, 2019. However, implementation has been incomplete. Several meetings with public representatives have been held to discuss the special recruitment drive and filling of posts in professional sectors, but officials have noted that many departments have failed to provide necessary data. The meeting under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary is expected to assess the current status and possibly accelerate the long-pending recruitment process for tribal candidates. With little progress over the years, the spotlight is now on the Chief Secretary's meeting, where tribal communities are hopeful for concrete steps toward restoring their rightful representation in public service.

Bank officer sexually assaulted, blackmailed for Rs 80 thousand, 2 arrested



Akola 30 June: A senior officer working at a private bank in Akola was allegedly sexually assaulted and blackmailed for Rs 80 thousand by a group of four men who had befriended him through a gay dating platform. Khadan police have arrested two of the accused, while efforts are underway to trace the remaining two. According to police sources, the victim had connected with the accused — Manish Naik and Mayur Bagde — through a dating app for the LGBTQ+ community. After days of online interaction, the accused arranged an in-person meeting at a secluded riverside spot. When the officer arrived at the location, he was ambushed by four individuals. They allegedly sexually assaulted him and secretly recorded the act on a mobile phone. The footage was later used to blackmail the victim, with threats to leak the video unless he paid them money. Under duress, the officer ended up transferring a total of Rs 80,000 to the blackmailers over a period of time. Unable to bear the ongoing harassment, he finally approached Khadan police and filed a complaint. The police then laid a trap by arranging a fake meeting with the accused. As the suspects arrived at the agreed location, officers swiftly moved in and apprehended two of them. "There is a strong possibility that the accused may have trapped others using similar methods. We have sought police custody for detailed interrogation. Anyone who has faced similar harassment should come forward without fear; their identity will be protected," said senior inspector Manoj Kedar. Akola police have appealed to users of such platforms to remain cautious and report any suspicious behaviour immediately. Efforts are on to trace the remaining two suspects involved in the assault. The case has once again highlighted the growing threat of cyber-enabled crimes targeting vulnerable individuals through online platforms. Cybercrime experts and activists are urging stronger monitoring of dating apps and more awareness about the risks involved.

Audumbar Vruksh Sanvardhan

Samiti celebrated ninth birthday of trees



UMARKHED / NAGPUR POST: Audumbar Vruksh Sanvardhan Samiti celebrated the ninth birthday of trees with great enthusiasm, reaching an important milestone in the work of tree conservation. On this occasion, the trees were attractively decorated and the entire area was covered in greenery. This unique ceremony began with the worship of the image of Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj and lighting of the lamp. Chitangrao Kadam presided over. Former Principal V.N. Kadam, Sub-Divisional Officer Sakharam Mule, Prakash Dudhewar, Narayan Wadde were present as the chief guests. While expressing their views on this occasion, the dignitaries highlighted the importance of tree conservation and appreciated the work of the committee. The chief guests expressed the view that there is an urgent need for such initiatives to increase environmental awareness in the society. Adv. Vilasrao Devsarkar, Giri, Anandrao Chikne, Sudhakar Wankhede, Dattatray Ganasagar, Prof. Anil Kalbande, Aniruddha Reghate, Nalini Thakare, Sandeep Bhagde, Dattatray Durkewar, Gaju Vyavhare, Vasantrao Deshmukh, Chavan, Ramesh Kale, Akash Mane, Yogesh Bokan, Prashant Dandale and teachers, Savitatai Chodre, Gajanan Wankhede, Committee members Maruti Mahagade, Bharat Kulkarni, Vasantrao Pande, Akram Ali, Ashok Shirfule, Prakash Shelke, Virendra Khandare, Vijay Chaudhary, Dnyaneshwar Khandare, Deepak Thakare, Vaibhav Kodgirwar, Dhananjay Bhagwat, Shubham Mane, Vijay Reghate and Chairman Dilip Bhandare were present. All the members of the committee worked tirelessly for the success of the program and successfully completed the program. The program was conducted by Dnyaneshwar Khandare. Vijay Reghate delivered the introductory remarks and Virendra Khandare proposed the vote of thanks. The birthday of the trees was celebrated. Planting and nurturing 10 thousand trees in 10 years. Since students are the future of the country, the committee is implementing the One Student One Tree initiative this year. It is getting a good response. The Audumbar Vruksha Sanvardhan Samiti has successfully achieved the milestone of planting and nurturing ten thousand trees in ten years.

70 Year-old devotee cycling to Pandharpur for the last 25 years



Washim 29 June: In a remarkable show of devotion, 70-year-old Sudhakar Haribhau Wankhade has been cycling to Pandharpur on pilgrimage for the last 25 years. This year, he is joined by 47-year-old Sandeep Gotmare, who is making the journey by bicycle for the first time. A resident of Wankhade Nagar on Dabki Road in Akola, Sudhakar has been undertaking this pilgrimage every year by bicycle without fail. This year too, he has taken the traditional pilgrimage route, accompanied by first-time cyclist pilgrim Sandeep Madhukar Gautamare (47). The journey began from Akola on June 24 at 7 am. The duo aims to cover 80 to 100 kilometres each day and reach Pandharpur within 6 to 7 days. Sudhakar began his bicycle pilgrimage in 2001. Cycling to Pandharpur, surrendering at Lord Vitthal's feet, and returning home with renewed energy has become an inseparable cycle of his life. This year marks his 25th pilgrimage, while it is Sandeep's first. However, both are equally enthusiastic.

Kidnapped man from Jalna found dead



Buldhana 30 June: The body of a man kidnapped from Jalna district was discovered early Saturday morning in Tadhegaon Shivara in Buldhana district. The deceased has been identified as 35-year-old Suresh Tukaram Ardad,

who was abducted at gunpoint late Friday night from Ghanasawangi taluka of Jalna district. He was allegedly taken by four people in a forest officer posts, a group of Indian Forest four-wheeler under threat with a Service (IFS) officers promoted from the village-made pistol and an axe. The Forest Service continues to remain on a waiting case came to light after an list. Out of 27 officers who were recently granted unidentifed body was found at 6 am IFS status, only three have been given postings, on Sunday in a field. Officials filed a while 24 remain without appointments, raising re-port at the Kingaraja police station, based on which an accidental death case was initially registered. The deceased was identified as Suresh Tukaram Ardad. A case has been registered against the accused.

IFS officer posts vacant despite approvals

Amravati 30 June: Even as the Maharashtra Forest Department has received approval for several officer posts, a group of Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers promoted from the waiting list. Out of 27 officers who were recently granted unidentifed body was found at 6 am IFS status, only three have been given postings, on Sunday in a field. Officials filed a while 24 remain without appointments, raising re-port at the Kingaraja police station, based on which an accidental death case was initially registered. The deceased was identified as Suresh Tukaram Ardad. A case has been registered against the accused.

Mask of marriage, game of death!

A string of chilling crimes hiding behind the veil of wedlock



Amravati 30 June (NAGPUR POST/SALIL KALE): A disturbing surge in cases of deceit, violence, and even murder within marriages is shaking the very foundations of society. Once considered a sacred bond, the institution of marriage is increasingly being used as a cover for sinister crimes. Particularly in the Amravati division, such incidents have been on the rise, echoing a troubling trend that now resonates across the country.

The Core Question: Is Marriage Still a Symbol of Love — or Has It Become a Tool for Betrayal?

Shocking Cases That Stunned the Nation

1. Indore — Marriage as a Mask, Murder as the Motive
On May 11, Sonam married Raj Raghuvanshi. Just ten days later, on May 21, she took him on a trip to Guwahati under the pretext of visiting the Kamakhya Devi temple. In reality, with the help of her lover, she murdered Raj in Meghalaya. The marriage was nothing but a deceptive cover for the crime.

2. Yavatmal — Poison and a Sinister Cover-Up

23-year-old Nidhi Deshmukh poisoned her 32-year-old husband Shantanu and then attempted to burn his body. Shockingly, she roped in students from her coaching class to assist in disposing of the corpse. What started as a love marriage ended in cold-blooded crime.

3. Sangli — An Axe Murder on Vat Pournima

In Kupwad (Sangli), a wife brutally murdered her husband Anil Lokhande with an axe on the day of Vat Pournima—a festival where women pray for their husbands' long lives. This heart-wrenching incident turned the meaning of the festival on its head.

4. "Drum Case" — A

Chilling Tale from Meerut
In Uttar Pradesh's Meerut, merchant navy officer Saurabh Rajput was murdered by his wife, Muskaan Rastogi, and her lover, Sahil Shukla.

*** On March 4, 2025, Muskaan drugged Saurabh into unconsciousness**

*** She and Sahil then stabbed him to death**

*** His body was dismembered and stuffed into a large plastic drum, which was filled with cement**

*** Laborers moving out household items later noticed a foul smell from the drum, leading to the discovery of the crime**

*** Both Muskaan and Sahil were arrested and confessed during interrogation**

The incident caused a nationwide uproar, with the term "Blue Drum" becoming a symbol of horror across social media platforms.

A similar case also occurred recently in Amravati, where a woman's body was found inside a drum.

What Lies Beneath These Crimes? — A Look Into the Psyche

Experts believe the roots of such crimes lie deep within mental health and psychological disorders:

1. Personality Disorders

Conditions like Borderline, Narcissistic, and Antisocial Personality Disorders often lead individuals toward violent, manipulative behavior. Marrying such individuals often results in complex emotional trauma and violence.

2. Psychosis and Delusional States

A detachment from reality, extreme suspicion,

and aggression often accompany psychotic episodes, sometimes leading to harm inflicted on others or self.

3. Hereditary Mental Illnesses

Many psychiatric conditions run in families. Investigating mental health history before marriage is crucial to avoid potential risks.

Pre-Marital Psychological Screening — A Need of the Hour

Marital decisions can no longer be based solely on qualifications, employment, or family background. In today's world, "personality" must take precedence over "package."

Checklist Before Saying 'Yes':

1. Assess emotional and mental stability of both partners

2. Inquire about any history of psychological treatment

3. Consider family history of addiction, suicide, or violence

4. Do not fear psychological evaluations — they are preventive, not judgmental

A single wrong marital choice can ruin not just two lives, but the fate of entire families.

*** A happy marriage isn't about luck — it's about informed decisions**

*** Pre-marital mental health and family background checks are not trends — they're necessities**

*** Counseling, communication, and caution are the only antidotes to such tragedies**

"If you wish to preserve a relationship, first understand the mind behind it — for once the mask falls, only death may remain."

Grievances related to encroachments at Mastan square & Tilak ground put forth before Sananda

Khamgaon 30 June (NAGPUR POST/TC): An encroachment removal campaign was implemented in Khamgaon city on June 27 & June 28 under the guidance of Chief Officer Prashant Shelke on behalf of Khamgaon Municipal Council. On the second day of this campaign, on June 28, encroachments were removed from the encroached areas at Tilak ground and Mastan square under police protection. On the second day of this action, on Sunday (June 29), former legislator Rana Dilipkumar Sananda met the encroachment holders in Mastan square and Tilak ground areas and got acquainted with their problems. On the occasion, they expressed their anger against the discriminatory action taken by the municipal council while removing encroachments and expressed their grievances in front of Sananda. On the occasion, NCP leaders Panjabrao Deshmukh, former mayor Saraswati Khasane, Manoj Wankhade, Keshav Kaple, Abid Ulhaq, Syed Imran, Muqadder Khan, Kaku Pathan, Aziz Chaiwale, Haji Latif Seth, Sadiq Nawaz Pathan and others were prominently present. At this time, former legislator Rana Dilipkumar Sananda met the small traders who were making a living by setting up their shops in the Mastan square area and learned about the damage caused. Former legislator Rana Dilipkumar Sananda also met many people in Tilak ground and reassured them. At this time, Haji Budhan Khan, director of Naseeb Fruit Mart, alleged that the action of the Municipal Council was taken in a partial manner and said that he had suffered a loss of lakhs of rupees due to this one-sided action. He said that no action was taken against the encroachments of politically influential people in many places during the anti-encroachment campaign. The small traders of the area expressed their anger as even the shops of the citizens in the Tilak ground whose shops did not fit the definition of encroachment were damaged during the action.

NATURE'S WRATH...



Recent torrential rains at Alegaon in Patur taluka of Akola district wreaked havoc. Damage was inflicted on infrastructure & farmlands. Seen here is a farmer assessing his farm.

Over 1.32 lakh seats allotted in Vidarbha as Maharashtra's FYJC admissions begin



Amravati 30 June: The Maharashtra school education department is set to begin the First-Year Junior College (FYJC) admission process under CAP Round 1 from July 1, with nearly 33% of seats allotted in Vidarbha—marginally higher than the state average of around 30%. Students will have about a week to complete the admission formalities. For the first time in Maharashtra, Class 11 admissions are being conducted on the same online platform where the merit list was declared, which was released on Saturday. In the Vidarbha region comprising Nagpur and Amravati divisions, 1,32,708 seats have been allotted out of 4,08,490 available, reflecting an allotment rate of 32.5%. This indicates that nearly two-thirds of the seats remain open for future rounds, offering students greater flexibility and choice in the upcoming stages. Among the three academic streams, science emerged as the most preferred option. Of the 1,85,275 science seats available in Vidarbha, 75,445 were allotted, showing a fill rate of 40.7%. The arts stream followed with 44,348 allotments from 1,61,435 seats, resulting in a 27.5% fill rate. Commerce remained the least sought-after stream, with only 12,915 of 61,780 seats allotted—a low fill rate of just 20.9%. A district-wise analysis reveals that the Amravati division slightly outperformed the Nagpur division in terms of allotments. In the Amravati division, which includes Akola, Amravati, Yavatmal, Buldhana, and Washim, 65,653 students secured seats from a pool of 1,91,075, reflecting a 34.4% allotment rate. In comparison, the Nagpur division, comprising Nagpur, Gondia, Bhandara, Wardha, Chandrapur, and Gadchiroli, saw 67,055 allotments out of 2,17,415 seats, marking a slightly lower allotment rate of 30.9%. Students can check their allotment status online at mahafyjcadmissions.in and must complete document verification and confirm their admission by July 7. Round 2 of the CAP process is expected to begin on July 9, with the next merit list and details of vacant seats to be released shortly thereafter.

Heavy rain likely in Nagpur, Bhandara & Gondia today, orange alert issued

Nagpur 30 June: The Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) has issued an orange alert for Nagpur, Bhandara, and Gondia, warning of heavy rainfall on Tuesday, July 1. The alert indicates possible disruptions in these East Vidarbha districts, which have so far compared less rain this monsoon compared to areas in Western Vidarbha. The RMC has warned that heavy rain in these districts could lead to waterlogging, traffic delays, and affect farming. While Western Vidarbha has recently seen heavy to very heavy rainfall—causing crop damage and rising river levels—East Vidarbha, including Nagpur, has only received light showers so far. On Saturday, Gondia recorded 43.4 mm of rain, Bhandara 19 mm, and Yavatmal 17 mm, while other districts received little or no rainfall. The short break from rain caused temperatures and humidity to rise, making the weather feel hot and sticky across the region. The RMC has predicted a two-day dry spell in Vidarbha starting Sunday, giving temporary relief to areas affected by recent heavy rains. This break will help local authorities fix drainage issues and prepare for more rain. However, monsoon activity is expected to pick up again from July 1, especially in East Vidarbha, with Nagpur, Bhandara, and Gondia likely to receive heavy downpours.

Futala lake turns into open bar, viral video sparks outrage

Nagpur 30 June: A video showing a group of youths, including young girls, openly consuming alcohol at the iconic Futala Lake has gone viral on social media, triggering widespread outrage among Nagpur residents. The footage, reportedly shot over the weekend, captures the individuals drinking in full public view, turning the popular leisure spot into what many are calling an "open bar." The incident has sparked a flurry of reactions online, with citizens demanding immediate accountability and strict action from the local authorities. Many questioned the absence of police patrolling at such a high-footfall public location, especially during evening hours when families and tourists frequent the area. Futala Lake, known for its scenic beauty and recently renovated promenade, has increasingly become a hotspot for such public nuisance cases, raising concerns about security and enforcement of law. Citizens have urged the Nagpur Police and the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) to step up surveillance, ensure zero tolerance for public drinking, and implement stricter penalties to maintain the sanctity of the city's public spaces. As of now, there is no official statement from law enforcement regarding action taken in the case.

Rotary Club of Nagpur to install Parag Date & Harrshit Jaani in key roles on July 3

Nagpur 30 June: The Rotary Club of Nagpur will install its new governing team for the year 2025-26 on July 3 at Hotel Centre Point at 7:30 PM. District Governor Rtn. Dnyaneshwar Shewale will be the Guest of Honour at the ceremony. Architect Parag Date will assume charge as President, while Harrshit Jaani will serve as the Honorary Secretary. Other key members of the new governing board include:

- * President-Elect: Gogi Bhasin
- * Vice President: Mahendra Kamath
- * Treasurer: CA Rajeev Chand
- * Joint Secretary: Abhishek Goyal
- * Sergeant-at-Arms: Meeta Shaw
- * Directors: Suruchi Agarwal, Pratham Deshpande, Dr. Rahul Chaudhary, Harneet Singh Suri, Amit Parekh, Nivedita Singh

the annual Walkathon, watershed and nutrition projects, career guidance, international youth exchanges, and campaigns focused on mental health, women's empowerment, microcredit, blood donation, environmental awareness, and civic engagement. Under the new leadership, the club aims to continue its community service efforts with a special focus on literacy and healthcare for the youth, aligning with the Rotary International theme for the year—"Unite for Good."

Industry shocked by MERC's multi-tariff policy review order, VIA demands immediate reconsideration

Nagpur 30 June: The Vidarbha Industries Association (VIA) expresses deep concern and disappointment over the recently announced Multi-Year Tariff Policy Review Order by the Maharashtra Regulatory Commission (MERC). This new tariff structure, which takes effect from FY 2025-26, will significantly increase the cost of doing business for industries in Vidarbha and across Maharashtra, especially those operating in continuous three-shift patterns.

1. Unjustified 10% Increase in Power Cost for Three-Shift Industries

As per preliminary analysis conducted by VIA's Energy Cell, industries operating 24x7 or on three-shift models are set to witness a 8-10% increase in their overall electricity cost compared to March 2025 electric bills (Last month of previous policy). This spike is attributed to a combination of:

- Substantial hike in Demand Charges, impacting industries irrespective of their actual consumption;
- Increment in Energy Charges, especially during peak hours, thereby burdening high-efficiency, high-capacity units;
- Changes in Time-of-Day (TOD) Tariffs, where off-peak incentives have been drastically curtailed and peak hour charges increased;

The President of VIA, Vishal Agrawal stated, "This order contradicts the government's Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat vision. Industrial growth needs tariff stability and predictability. dump excess solar generation or invest heavily in battery storage—which is commercially unviable.

- Introduction of Grid Support Charges (GSC): MERC has now levied a Grid Support Charge on the energy consumed through solar installations, especially for those above 1 MW capacity. This fee is to be paid for using the distribution infrastructure even when drawing banked or generated solar power. This defeats the very economic logic of going green, as industries are now being penalized for easing the grid's load during daytime by generating clean power.

Vidarbha Industries Association's (VIA) Demand Vidarbha Industries Association urges MERC to:

- Roll back the punitive demand and TOD tariffs, and ensure no more than CPI-based escalation in effective cost;
- Reinstate night-time banking of solar energy to preserve the commercial viability of green power;
- Scrap the Grid Support Charges or at least cap them till an independent impact assessment is conducted;
- Hold stakeholder consultations, especially with MSMEs and large 3-shift units, before implementing such structural changes.

Industries in Maharashtra, especially in power-surplus regions like Vidarbha, deserve a progressive and participative tariff policy. VIA stands committed to protecting the interests of regional industries and will seek redressal through formal representation and, if required, legal channels



City boxers win medals

Nagpur 30 June: Anant Deshmukh won gold medal in (63-66 kg) category and Samiksha Singh (50-52 kg) and Ishwari Yewle won bronze medals in (75 kg) category. Anant Deshmukh defeated Natic (Haryana) 5-0 in the final to win the gold medal and booked his place for the international tournament to be held in China from August 15 to 30. Anant Deshmukh and Samiksha Singh recently represented India at the International Asian (U-17) Boxing Championship held in Jordan. Anant Deshmukh is training under the guidance of Ganesh Purohit at Divisional Sports Complex whereas Samiksha Singh is training under the guidance of Neetu Madam at Delhi Sports School, Delhi and Ishwari Yewle is training under the guidance of Tambe Sir at Reshambagh, Nagpur.

Burglary at Bharatwada road, cash and jewelry worth Rs 2 lakh stolen

Nagpur 30 June: A house break-in has been reported in the Kalamna Police Station area, where unidentified burglars stole cash and gold ornaments worth Rs 2,05,800 from a locked residence. According to the complaint, Vishwas Vasudev Chilkulwar (39), a resident of Plot No. 22, Omnagar, Bharatwada Road, had locked his house and gone to a relative's place at Mhalgi Nagar between June 27 (8:30 PM) and June 29 (1:30 PM). During this time, unknown persons allegedly broke the main door's lock and stole Rs 60,000 in cash and gold-silver jewellery from two bedroom cupboards. Based on the FIR filed

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Nagpur 30 June: At the 61st Annual General Meeting of Vidarbha Industries Association held on 28th June 2025 at VIA, the following members were elected as office bearers and members of the Executive Committee for the year 2025-2026.

Office Bearers :	
* Prashant Mohota	President
* Vishal Agrawal	Immediate Past President
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The Achievers School felicitates class X toppers for outstanding CBSE results



Nagpur 30 June: The Achievers School proudly celebrated the success of its Class 10 batch (2024-25) CBSE Board toppers through a felicitation ceremony held on the school premises. The event began with a warm welcome extended to the esteemed Director Ma'am, respected Principal Ma'am, proud teachers, beloved parents, and the young achievers whose dedication and excellence were the highlight of the day. The ceremony aimed to honour the students who performed exceptionally in their board exams and brought glory to the school through their consistent hard work and discipline. Among the students who made the school proud, Master Chirag Goenka stood out by securing the highest marks in the school, scoring an impressive 96% overall. He also achieved top scores in individual subjects: Science (99), English (96), and Social Science (95). Chirag was warmly felicitated by the Director Ma'am for his exceptional academic performance and dedication. Other notable achievers included:

- * Miss Soumyaa Sharma – 92.8% overall, with a perfect 100 in Artificial Intelligence and 90 in Mathematics
- * Miss Samiksha Daf – 92.2% overall, with Sanskrit – 95
- * Master Vishikh Menon – 87.6% overall, with Hindi – 89

The achievers were felicitated with mementos in the presence of beloved parents and proud teachers. In their heartfelt speeches, some of the toppers shared their gratitude towards their teachers, families, and the school, acknowledging that their success was not theirs alone but also a result of the blessings, guidance, and support received throughout their journey. Addressing the gathering, the Director Ma'am and Principal Ma'am congratulated the students on their excellent performance, encouraging them to aim even higher in the future.

Employee steals Rs 6 lakh using forged cheque, booked for cheating

Nagpur 30 June: An employee entrusted with handling bank transactions for a wholesale drug business has been booked for embezzling Rs 6 lakh using a stolen cheque. Complainant Vinit Vinayak Varghne (35), a resident of Kamal Chowk, Pachpaoli, alleged that accused Jagdish Samarth Dahiwal (50), a resident of Vaishali Nagar, was employed since 2023 to assist with deliveries and finances. After Varghne met with an accident in November 2024, he continued business operations from home while the accused managed financial dealings. During this time, the accused allegedly stole a signed cheque from Varghne's residence and withdrew Rs 6 lakh without permission, betraying the complainant's trust. Following an internal audit and subsequent inquiry, a case was registered at Pachpaoli Police Station by Sub-Inspector Sonawane under Sections 306 and 331(4) of the BNS. The investigation is in progress.

Agri-centre operators stage protest in Nagpur, demand action on fake seeds, HTBT cotton

Nagpur 30 June: Agri-centre operators and traders from across Nagpur district staged a massive protest at Samvidhan Square near RBI on Monday, raising several pressing demands aimed at addressing the growing challenges in the sale of agricultural seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides. The protesters' primary demand was an immediate crackdown on the illegal sale of banned and unauthorized HTBT cotton seeds. Alternatively, they demanded that the government grant legal approval for these seeds to ensure regulated and lawful sales. The agitating operators also called for strict action against unlicensed agents who continue to exploit farmers by selling fake seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides in the market. Another key issue raised during the protest was the demand to supply government-subsidized fertilizers directly to farmers, instead of routing them through selected companies.

City athletes for international masters meet

Nagpur 30 June: In the female category the athletes include Shashi mane, Sulekha Jachak, Gayatri Ghatbandhe, Usha kurekar, Vanmala Kapse, Rita Mehta, Varsha Shelke and Supriya lade and Malu Shirpurkar. whereas in the men's category the sole athlete is Dnyaneshwar Shirpurkar. Nagpur District Masters Athletic Association president Helen Joseph, vice

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FIEO, MSSIDC & VIA organise roadshow on 'Interacting & Dealing with International Buyer'

Nagpur 30 June: Federation of Indian Export Organisations jointly with Maharashtra Small Scale Industries Development Corporation (MSSIDC) in association with Vidarbha Industries Association (VIA) organised a Roadshow on "Interacting & Dealing with International Buyer" at VIA Auditorium, Nagpur on 24th June, 2025. The Roadshow was organised under the Raising & Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Scheme. The session conducted was a very important aspect of an international business viz. connecting with the International Buyers as well as the opportunity to interact and deal with the International Buyers. Expert speakers, Shivkumar Muddamwar, GM – DIC Nagpur, in his welcome address shared export and ODOF data of three years, highlighting Nagpur's rise as an industrial hub in food processing, pharmaceuticals, engineering, and cotton. He said potential sectors include engineering, nuclear reactors, explosives, metals, textiles, and gems. Current initiatives to boost the exports, cover DEPCU monitoring, export workshops, ODOF promotion, and identifying key exporters and startups. Strategies planned to boost the exports on logistics, export hubs, market access, and sectoral clusters to boost exports. Akshay H Shah, Asstt Director, FIEO (Western Region) shared the salient features of the Reverse Buyer Seller Meet (RBSM) scheduled to be held on 21st & 22nd July, 2025 at Mumbai. RBSM benefit, Do's and Don'ts for MSME exporters and value-added activities during the RBSM. He explained the services offered by FIEO, including market research, trade information, export promotion activities, and policy advocacy. Kaushal Mohta, Chairman of VIA Exim Forum, highlighted VIA's efforts to support exporters by helping them understand export policies and benefits. He noted that VIA partnered with FIEO to promote regional exports and connect with international buyers. The Forum also facilitates business development under DIC supervision. Nikhil Choudhari, Consultant of KPMG, said MSSIDC is actively implementing the RAMP – Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance initiative and offers training in finance and procurement, export readiness, etc with the objective to MSMEs are being seamlessly integrated into global value chains through Reverse Buyer-Seller Meets (RBSMs) and strategic vendor partnerships with both national and international firms. Vinayak Temgire shared the strategies for market research and targeting, best practices in communication and relationship building, negotiation techniques and cultural sensitivities etc. Session was very useful and beneficial for MSMEs, Exporters and prospective exporters, which was attended in large numbers.

MP win gold medal in team event

Nagpur 30 June: Haryana won the silver medal in the same event whereas Rajasthan and Maharashtra won the bronze medals. International players and representatives of various organisations at Vasantrao Naik Government Institute of Arts and Social Sciences, Nagpur. In the double event, Rajasthan won the gold, Haryana bagged the silver medal and Madhya Pradesh and Odisha won the bronze medals. In the mixed doubles event Maharashtra won the gold, Madhya Pradesh silver medal and Chhattisgarh bronze medals. International players, as well as all state office bearers were felicitated on this occasion. Dr. Madhavi Mardikar, Dr. Shrikant Bohte, Dr. Vishnu Chande, director of the Institute Dr. Manohar Kumbhare and Dr. Surajsinh Yevatkar were present.

A salute to leadership



Today marks the birthday of Honourable Arunbhai Adsad, a towering personality in Vidarbha's political landscape and a senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party. On this special day, we extend our heartfelt wishes and deep respect to Bhau, a leader who is much more than a politician — he is an institution in himself. Arunbhai is a fiery orator who can ignite even the calmest waters, a torch of energy and inspiration, a visionary with a generous heart, and a man of firm yet empathetic resolve. He is a powerful voice of Vidarbha — a thunderous field cannon, a towering pillar of development, and a guiding force who stands firmly behind his party workers, treating them not as colleagues, but as his own family. He has earned the reputation of being the "Bold Voice of Vidarbha", not through mere accolades but by winning the heartfelt support and loyalty of thousands of dedicated workers. Many have been shaped by his vision, their lives transformed by his unwavering belief that a party worker is not just a political associate but a member of his extended family. Rooted in the legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's values, Arunbhai's presence among people from all sections of society radiates clarity, strength, and commitment. Just like a beam of light piercing through darkness, he has emerged as a symbol of hope, perseverance, and leadership. To describe him in simpler terms: while many water decorative plants in their drawing rooms, Arunbhai is like a pipal tree that cracks through concrete walls of established systems with raw strength, asserting his unique identity. No one nourished him — yet he rose through sheer willpower, breaking barriers and creating space for himself in an unforgiving world. In an era when many were not even acknowledged by the system, he dared to dream. It was a time when Vidarbha had little recognition, and in that very period, from Dhamangaon Taluka, Arunbhai rose to national prominence through his luminous personality, tireless efforts, and dynamic leadership. He wove a strong thread of dedicated workers in the BJP, building a bond so unbreakable that it continues to thrive to this day. Through every victory marked by struggle, and every struggle turned into triumph, Arunbhai embodies the spirit of defiance and transformation. He has dared to swim against the current, only to turn the tide itself. He is the kind of leader who inspires confidence by simply placing a reassuring hand on the back of a young karyakarta — a gesture that feels like a divine blessing. He is a visionary who turns misfortune into opportunity. He has marched shoulder to shoulder with leaders like Atal Bihari Vajpayee, L.K. Advani, and Narendra Modi. Whether facing bullets during the Bahiram protest for farmers, or enduring imprisonment during the Shimla Agreement protest, his resilience has remained unshaken. A devout man, he bows before saints with humility, yet never compromises on his ideals. At times, he has suffered setbacks due to lack of financial resources or betrayal by those he once uplifted. Yet, his legacy continues to shine, moving both hearts and history. His story brings both joy and tears — joy for the inspiration he brings, and tears for the sacrifices he has endured. On behalf of the Deshmukh family of Old Dhamangaon, we extend our warmest and heartfelt birthday wishes to our beloved Arunbhai Adsad.



Vaibhav Meenakshi Subhashrao Deshmukh
Mo. No.: 9665796124
Old Dhamangaon, Taluka Dhamangaon Railway, District Amravati
(One among thousands of party workers and lakhs of admirers of Arunbhai Adsad)

'Terav' secures 6 nominations at 61st Maharashtra State Film Awards

Wardha 30 June (NAGPUR POST/DC): The final list of nominations for the 61st Maharashtra State Marathi Film Awards has been announced, and the film 'Terav', directed by Wardha's own theatre and film director Harish Ithape, has secured six prestigious nominations. The film has been nominated in the following categories: Best Film, Best Screenplay, Best Music, Best Background Score, Best Actress, and Best Debut Director.

has stood out. The film's other nominations include:
 * Best Screenplay — Shyam Pethkar
 * Best Music & Background Score — Virendra Latankar
 * Best Actress — Kiran Khoje
 * Best Debut Director — Harish Ithape
 The movie was shot in Wardha, Yavatmal, and other locations of Vidarbha region. Most of actors who played different roles were selected from Vidarbha except for two lead actors. The director Harish Ithape and writer Shyam Pethkar have already been recognized with several awards for their creative work. 'Terav' is produced by Anjanikripa Productions Pvt. Ltd., with Narendra Jichkar from Nagpur as the producer. The film's cinematography is by Suresh Deshmane (Mumbai) and stars Kiran Khoje, Sandeep Pathak, Kiran Mane, and Neha Dandale in key roles. Following the announcement of the nominations, there has been an outpouring of congratulations for the director, producer, and entire cast and crew.

Dy CM Eknath Shinde unveils symbol of Maharashtra Rajya Vidyut Karmachari Sena

Nagpur 30 June: The official symbol of the newly formed workers' organisation in the electricity sector, 'Maharashtra Rajya Vidyut Karmachari Sena', led by Shiv Sena, was unveiled on Monday at the auspicious hands of state Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. The unveiling ceremony was held at a gathering organised in Nagpur, which officially started the work and future path of the organisation. On the occasion, many important leaders were present on the dias along with Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. These included the state's Social Justice Minister Sanjay Shirsat, Minister of State Ashish Jaiswal, as well as the organisation's mentors legislator Krupal Tumane and legislator Manisha Kayande. Senior Shiv Sena leader Kiran Pandav was also present on the occasion. The



key office bearers of 'Maharashtra Rajya Vidyut Karmachari Sena' were present on the occasion. The organisation's president Yogesh Witankar, working presidents Manoj Meshram, Pravin Patharabe and general secretary Dr. Avinash Acharya witnessed the

historic moment. Dilip Awale, Jivan Dahat, Ashish Ingale, Shrirang Dahasahastra and many other prominent activists of the organisation were present with him. With this unveiling, the Maharashtra Rajya Vidyut Karmachari Sena will now officially work for the welfare

Switzerland (Basel) Court advances proceedings against Syngenta

YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: The widows of two farmers, from Yavatmal, Maharashtra, India, who died from pesticide poisoning, along with a farmer who survived severe poisoning, are suing the Swiss company Syngenta for damages. In this unique case, the Basel Civil Court has taken a significant step in deciding to initiate an assessment of the evidence regarding the victims' use of the pesticide Polo. The plaintiffs state that the poisonings took place in 2017 were the result of the use of Polo — a pesticide developed, produced and sold by Syngenta. Although Polo is not permitted for sale in the EU or Switzerland, it continues to be used in India — with sometimes fatal consequences: eight years ago, dozens of farmers and agricultural workers suffered serious poisoning in connection with the use of Polo, and two died. For small and marginal farmers from the global south, confronting a multinational corporation is an immense challenge, as they often lack the legal resources, financial means, and institutional support needed to pursue accountability. As the first civil lawsuit from the Global South against an agrochemical

company over pesticide poisonings, this case breaks new legal ground. It highlights the growing international criticism of double standards in the pesticide trade and the accountability of European companies for human rights violations along global supply chains. The outcome could have implications far beyond the individual plaintiffs — for others affected around the world, and for how Switzerland handles corporate accountability in the future. In June 2021, the plaintiffs filed a lawsuit before the Basel Civil Court, based on Swiss product liability law. They are represented by the law firm Schadenanwälte. The case is supported by the organizations ECCHR, Public Eye, and PAN India. While the court has yet to rule on the merits of the case, it has already sent a strong signal: In June 2022, it granted the plaintiffs legal aid. This indicates that the court in principle considers that Syngenta could be held liable for harm caused by its hazardous products abroad, and paved the way for victims and their families to seek justice before the Swiss court. Contact: Dewanand Pawar 9421772999, Dr. (Prof) Denth Narasimha Reddy 9010205742

Various programmes on the occasion of Sanjay Rathod's birthday



YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: On the occasion of the birthday of Shiv Sena leader, state Soil and Water Conservation Minister and district Guardian Minister Sanjay Rathod, various programmes were organised by Shiv Sena in the district today, Monday. Guardian Minister Sanjay Rathod first went to his village Pahrur in the morning and sought the blessings of his mother and father. After that, near the statue of former Chief Minister of Maharashtra, late Vasantrao Naik was unveiled. After that,

he accepted the wishes of Shiv Sena office bearers, Shiv Sainiks, leaders of various parties, dignitaries and citizens who came from all over the state and district at the rest house. On this occasion, various social activities were inaugurated by him. On this occasion, a huge crowd of citizens gathered to wish Minister Sanjay Rathod.

Contract employees under NHM protest for permanent jobs

YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: Despite having served under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for the past ten years or more, many contractual employees have still not been offered permanent positions under the health services. As a result, these contract employees held a protest march to the District Council today and submitted their memorandum to the Parish Executive Officer of the Zilla Parishad. They warned that if the government fails to take note of their demands even after this protest, they will intensify their agitation. The government has previously conducted several meetings regarding regularizing the services of these employees, including a key decision made on March 14, 2024, which proposed the adjustment and regularization of such staff. However, even after this decision, proper implementation has not taken place.



There have been multiple discussions with MLAPrakash Ambekar on this issue, and he had also assured a resolution. Yet, no final decision has been made. Frustrated with the government's inaction, the contractual employees began a non-cooperation movement starting from June 30, 2025. This has

significantly disrupted healthcare services in rural areas, with the workload falling entirely on Primary Health Centres (PHCs), which are already understaffed. As a result, it's being reported that these centres are unable to provide complete healthcare services, severely impacting rural health delivery.

500 Beneficiaries benefited in Samadhan Camp

UMARKHED / NAGPUR POST: In the joint presence of the Revenue and Forest Departments, the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Maharaaj Samadhan Camp Abhiyan was organized by the Revenue Board under the Tehsil Office. Late Anant Rao Devsarkar Hall, Dhanki Road, Umardhed on Monday, June 30. The camp was started by lighting the lamp by the Tehsildar of Umardhed Tehsil, Rajesh Suradkar. Also, various certificates were distributed to the beneficiaries by the chief guest, Sunil Patil Chincholkar.



In this, many certificates such as Farmer ID, Income Certificate, Caste Certificate, Domicile Certificate, Shraavan Bal, Sanjay Gandhi Eligible Beneficiary Application, Deceased Inheritance Change were distributed at one time — under one roof. This

saved the time of the beneficiaries. This time, about 400 to 500 beneficiaries from many villages in the taluka took advantage of the camp. The camp campaign received the contributions of Mandal Officer Sanjay Waghmare, Village Revenue Officer Prakash Hapse, Ganpat

Shirsagar, Aniket Shirsat, Sanjay Kendra, Santosh Khairnar, Revenue Servants and Agriculture Department and Setu Seva Kendra Driver Jagdish Bhusawar and Prashant Mene etc. New ration card application, distribution of ration cards, as well as guidance was given to the beneficiaries of the scheme regarding the Agriculture Department, Panchayat Samiti, Gram Panchayat, Land Records Department, Municipal Council and Forest Department by the respective departments and the complaints raised by them were also redressed to a large extent.

Arunima... Celebrating the Birthday of a Stalwart!



Just as the great banyan tree provides shelter, support, and direction to countless beings around it, certain individuals in society emerge as steadfast pillars — the banyan trees of humanity. Their lives, actions, and influence become a source of strength for many around them.

Arunbhai Adsad... A Life of Struggle and Service
 Just as nature chooses the spot to plant a banyan tree, so too are some individuals destined to be born for extraordinary service and leadership.

A reflection on the life of Arunbhai Adsad clearly affirms this truth. From a young age, he embraced a life of struggle, overcoming countless obstacles to establish a strong identity in society.

From serving as President of the Dhamangaon Railway Municipal Council, Founder-Chairman of Shriram Shikshan Sanstha and Navdurga Nagari Sahakari Patsanstha, to representing the people as an MLA in the State Assembly and Member of the Legislative Council, and being a driving force behind institutions such as Shri Gajanan Cooperative Spinning Mill and the Vidarbha Statutory Development Board, Arunbhai has donned many distinguished roles. To the people, and especially to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and Bharatiya Janata Party workers, he remains affectionately known as "Adarniya Bhau" — Respected Brother.

Dhamangaon, once the cradle of volleyball, saw Arunbhai extend unwavering support to host National-level Tournaments, strengthening his enduring connection with the soil and spirit of the sport. As a successful host and organiser of All India Hindi Kavi Sammelans, and as the Chairperson of the 52nd Vidarbha Sahitya Sammelan, his love for literature continues to be cherished by connoisseurs of the arts.

Leadership Forged Through Adversity
 Arunbhai's journey from hardship to prominence is a testament to resilience and determination. With each challenge, he took a confident step forward, transforming past adversities into milestones of growth. In doing so, he not only carved a path for himself but also lit the way for many future leaders. His mentorship has cultivated leadership that has left a mark not just across the state but on a national level as well.

The Touch of a Banyan Tree
 Like the extending branches of a banyan tree, his thoughts and deeds have spread far and wide. Numerous workers, students, social activists, and political leaders have found shelter and inspiration under his guidance. The confidence he instilled and the direction he offered became the foundation for their success.

Arunbhai's influence transcends politics. His contributions to literature, culture, education, religion, and sports speak volumes about the depth of his multifaceted personality, deeply rooted in the values instilled by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. As a principled pillar of the Bharatiya Janata Party, he has played a key role in shaping the party's regional strength.

A Celebration of Gratitude
 Though advancing in age, Arunbhai remains youthful in spirit — dynamic, enthusiastic, and forever inspiring. The 'Abhishtachintan Sohala', a birthday felicitation event being held in his honour, is a heartfelt expression of gratitude from society. It is a fitting tribute to his lifelong service and an inspiration for future generations.

Heartfelt congratulations to the organising committee for arranging such an inspiring event.

Warm birthday wishes to Adarniya Arunbhai!
 May his life, like the mighty banyan tree, continue to be long, healthy, and a beacon of inspiration for all.



Sachchidanand Prabhakumar Kale
President,
Vidarbha Sahitya Sangh, Dhamangaon Railway Taluka Branch
July 1, 2025

Guidance camp on Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse Act organised

YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: Under the guidance of District Legal Services Authority Chairman and Session Judge Nagesh Nhavkar, a legal guidance camp on the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse Act and steps to be taken to eliminate all types of violence against girls was organised jointly by the District Legal Services Authority and Shankaral Kothari Vidya Mandir English Medium School, and Vaishali Chandak, Principal of Gurukul English Medium School, while Madhuri Kotewar, District Counselor of District Gramin Samasya Mukti Trust, was present as the keynote speaker. The program chairman Justice Deepak Dabhadre said that while living in the society, one should imbibe good things and abandon bad things. He

highlighted the Child Sexual Abuse Act 2012. He also gave information about the schemes implemented through the District Legal Services Authority Office. Speaker Madhuri Kotewar guided the girls on the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse Act, 2012. On this occasion, she informed the girls present about how to identify good touch and bad touch. She also said that if any such things happen, teachers or parents should be brought for guidance. She also talked about the rights of young children. She gave information about how to take to raise their voice against injustice and how every child will be safe. She explained by giving examples how girls are deceived through social media like Facebook and Instagram. The program was conducted by Anuradha Vinay Joshi, a teacher of Shankaral Kothari Vidya Mandir, while Pranali Mirzapure proposed the vote of thanks.