

## 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 Nimodiya, 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.



## 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.

### 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.



## Rail library inaugurated at Nagpur station – a journey within every page



**Nagpur 30 June:** In a unique and reader-friendly initiative, Central Railway's Nagpur Division has inaugurated a "Rail Library" at Nagpur Railway Station. With the tagline "A Journey Within Every Page", this initiative aims to promote reading culture and provide an enriching experience to passengers while they wait for their trains. The Rail Library works on the

principle of "Take a Book, Leave a Book", allowing travelers to borrow books during their journey and even contribute their own.

This self-service concept encourages knowledge sharing, thoughtful interaction, and adds a literary charm to travel. Located within the station premises, the library is open and free for all passengers. It offers a

diverse collection of books—fiction, biographies, self-help, children's stories, and more—catering to readers of all ages and interests. This initiative redefines travel by inspiring passengers to "Read, Think, Grow – That's the real journey." Through this, Central Railway's Nagpur Division invites passengers to "Read, Think, Grow – That's the real journey."

## 2,150 Haj pilgrims begin to return to Nagpur amid volunteer entry ban



**Nagpur 30 June:** The return of 2,150 Haj pilgrims from the Vidarbha region begins June 30, with the first flight landing at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport at 3:45 PM. Pilgrims had departed from Nagpur last month for the annual Haj pilgrimage to Mecca. According to Asif Khan, Chairman of the Maharashtra State Haj Committee, five flights will bring back the pilgrims between June 30 and July 3, each carrying 430 passengers. Elaborate reception arrangements — including Namaz spaces, shaded tents, and a dedicated welcome stage — have been set up. But this year, a long-standing support system has been scrapped — Khadems (volunteers) who usually help elderly pilgrims manage their luggage have been denied airport access. The move has sparked concern and

frustration among families, especially those with senior and ailing pilgrims. Despite formal requests by the Haj Committee, airport authorities refused entry passes, citing previous incidents where volunteers caused congestion and chaos, prioritizing selfies over service. Chairman Asif Khan defended the decision as "thoughtful," but many believe the blanket ban punishes genuine volunteers and adds unnecessary burden on returning pilgrims. The Haj Committee claims it has made alternative arrangements outside the terminal, but critics say it's a logistical failure and a lack of empathy for vulnerable pilgrims. As families prepare to reunite with loved ones, the absence of on-ground support inside the terminal casts a shadow over what should be a moment of joy and relief.

## State Govt clears land for new Vidhan Mandal office in city amid pressure for expansion



**Nagpur 30 June:** In a major push to expand Nagpur's legislative infrastructure, the Maharashtra government has sanctioned 9,670 sq.m of land in Moula Sitabuldi, next to the BSNL main office, for a new Vidhan Mandal Secretariat complex. The move, formalized through a recent government resolution, is being seen as long overdue by those frustrated with the capital's limited administrative capacity. The land, part of Survey No. 1852 originally spanning 16,182 sq.m, was under the Government Printing Press and Library managed by the Department of Industries. Now, a significant chunk has been transferred for exclusive legislative use, following a demand raised in a Legislative Council review meeting on December 16, 2024. Officials admitted that the current infrastructure is woefully

especially during the high-pressure winter session. The rest of the land (6,512 sq.m) will remain with the Industries Department for redeveloping nearby facilities like the Central Jail Press and Stationery Depot. Following site inspections and mapping under the Divisional Commissioner, a departmental committee greenlit the land's suitability. The Maharashtra State Infrastructure Development Corporation (MSIDC) will now handle planning and execution. The government has finally acted — but critics argue it took far too long. "This should have been done years ago," said a senior official familiar with the process. With planning underway, the project promises to modernize Nagpur's role as Maharashtra's second capital, but residents and legislators alike are watching closely to ensure it doesn't become just another delayed file in a dusty cabinet.

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## Alertness of RPF constable saves woman passenger under 'Operation Jeevan Rakshak'

**Nagpur 30 June:** On 28th June 2025, in a commendable display of bravery under "Operation Jeevan Rakshak", the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Nagpur Post saved the life of a woman passenger at Nagpur Railway Station. The incident took place at Platform No. 4 around 18:00 hrs, when Train No. 12136 Nagpur-Pune Express was departing. RPF Constable Dheeraj Dalal, who was on

duty, noticed a woman rushing down from the foot overbridge and attempting to board the moving train. In the process, she lost her balance and was about to slip into the gap between the train and the platform. Demonstrating exceptional alertness and quick reflexes, Constable Dheeraj Dalal immediately ran towards her and pulled her away from danger, thus averting a potentially serious accident. The passenger

expressed her sincere gratitude to the RPF and Constable Dalal for the timely assistance, stating that the swift action prevented what could have been a life-threatening mishap. This brave and selfless act exemplifies the dedication and vigilance of RPF personnel in safeguarding railway passengers and reinforces their unwavering commitment to safety under Indian Railways.

## PWD likely to complete RTO Flyover work by August

**Nagpur 30 June:** The National Highway (NH) division of the state public works department (PWD) is set to miss the deadline for the much-awaited RTO flyover on the busy Amravati Road once again, as multiple important works are yet to be completed. The PWD was supposed to complete the works by July 31 but is now likely to open the flyover to the public by August. The PWD has missed the deadline earlier too, as they

were supposed to complete the flyover by March but received an extension until July 31. On Sunday, TOI visited the spot and observed that the PWD has started the work of the retaining wall for the landing of the flyover in front of RTO. However, the bridge reconstruction work is yet to be completed. The PWD has also almost completed the road concretisation work below the flyover from University Campus to Bole Petrol Pump.

## Quarterly OLIC meet to promote Hindi held at NTPC Mauda

**Ramtek 30 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** The meeting of the Official Language Implementation Committee for the June quarter 2025 was held at NTPC Mauda on Monday (June 30), under the leadership of Parimal Kumar Mishra, General Manager (O&M). All the members of the Official Language Implementation Committee were present in this meeting. In the meeting, apart from the facilities provided by the Official Language Department of the Government of India for the progress towards the promotion and implementation of the official language, various points like Hindi Shabd Sindhu, Kathasth 2.0 (Anuvad Sarathi) (Digital Dictionary) and Indian Language Section (A step towards linguistic coordination) were discussed. Apart from this,



installation of Unicode encoding and use of Hindi in the computers of all departments, purchase of Hindi books, organisation of Hindi workshops and other points were discussed. In the meeting, the

Chairperson directed all the members and the nodal Hindi officers nominated from various departments to do as much office work as possible in Hindi and to encourage it to be widely publicised among the employees. The proceedings of the meeting were conducted by Member Secretary Aneesh Kumar. Detailed information about the Rajbhasha Golden Jubilee programme organised at Bharat Mandapam on 26 June 2025 was presented through PPT presentation. Finally, the programme concluded with the vote of thanks by the Member Secretary.

## Tree crushes car in Bajiprabhu Nagar, sparks outrage over civic neglect



**Nagpur 30 June:** A massive tree came crashing down on a parked Maruti Ritz in Bajiprabhu Nagar near Ramnagar on Saturday afternoon, exposing once again the dangerous neglect of roadside tree maintenance by civic

authorities. The incident, reported around 4 PM, saw Mohit Vijay Ghatole's car (MH31CR7548) completely damaged after the tree collapsed near Sufia Masjid on Ring Road, just meters from a religious gathering. Thankfully, no lives were lost — but only by sheer luck. Had the tree fallen seconds earlier on the busy road, the outcome could've been tragic. The Trimurti Nagar Fire Station responded promptly, cut through the wreckage, and cleared the site. Their report attributes

the collapse to weakened roots, worsened by weather — a predictable risk that officials should've acted on long ago. The car's damage is officially pegged at Rs 25 thousand but the real loss may be higher. "Will NMC take responsibility or just shrug it off again?" asked one bystander. The incident has reignited demands for an immediate audit of aging and unstable trees, especially in congested residential zones. With monsoon in full swing, such threats are everywhere — yet Nagpur's civic body continues to snooze. Residents are now demanding preventive action, not apologies after disasters. How many cars must be crushed, or worse — how many lives lost — before someone is held accountable?

## Rs 2.5 crore wasted? Dattatrayanagar garden turns into a muddy mess



**Nagpur 30 June:** The so-called Rs 2.5 crore 'beautification' of Dattatrayanagar Sant Dnyaneshwar Samadhi Garden has turned into a public embarrassment. Just weeks into the monsoon, the walking track has become a muddy, slippery hazard, forcing citizens to question

where the money really went. The garden, closed for nearly a year for renovations, reopened without any features it once had — no green gym, no children's play area, no proper lighting. Instead, open spaces were covered with flower beds and loose soil that now floods the track with muck after every shower. "This is criminal negligence. People are slipping and getting hurt. What was this Rs 2.5 crore spent on?" said a senior citizen. Residents are furious that even basic drainage was ignored, and no permanent

improvements were made. The walking track is crumbling, the gym is missing, and the lighting is nonexistent. Citizens say the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) and its Garden Department have ignored multiple complaints and letters — offering only temporary patch-ups. "This is a scam in the name of beautification," said a member of the Dattatrayanagar Garden Friends Association. Another warned, "If the NMC doesn't act, we will launch protests." Demands include raising track levels, restoring gym and play equipment, and installing proper lighting. A once-loved garden has now become a symbol of apathy and wasted taxpayer money — and residents are done staying quiet.

## Shankar Nagar Garden crumbles as civic authorities turn a blind eye



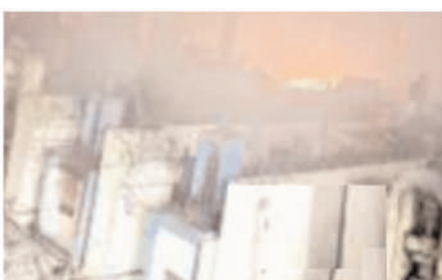
**Nagpur 30 June:** Once a cherished green haven, Shankar Nagar Garden now lies in utter ruin — locked since June 20 under the false pretense of "maintenance" and crumbling under sheer administrative neglect. "This isn't maintenance, it's abandonment," fumes R.K. Gangajaliwale, a senior resident forced to walk to Shivaji Nagar Garden, crossing traffic-heavy roads. He and others blame the NMC Garden Department and Superintendent Amol Chorpagar for the garden's collapse. The list of failures is staggering: the fountain has never worked, the toilet is unusable, and snakes crawl freely from overgrown areas — with locals forced to pay out of pocket for private removal. The ramp is broken, the walking track is a muddy death trap, benches are smashed, and the bamboo hut is a safety hazard. The lawn is dead due to zero watering, and motorbikes block the gate daily, endangering senior citizens. "This isn't mismanagement; it's criminal negligence," says Subhash Bakhare. Alongside residents like Wazalwar, Mahurkar, Agnihotri, Kane, and Patel, citizens are demanding immediate action and full accountability. Despite repeated complaints, NMC does nothing. No repair, no presence, no explanation. If this is how the city treats its public spaces and its elderly — it's not just a garden dying, it's public trust.

## Fire breaks out at cooler company near Kamptee during welding work

**Nagpur 30 June:** A major fire broke out at the Baybreeze Industries Cooler Company in Lihgaon, near Kamptee, on Sunday afternoon. Thick black smoke rose into the sky and could be seen from far away places. Many fire engines were quickly sent to the spot and the Fire Brigade officials worked hard till night to control the blaze.

According to police, workers were welding inside the factory when sparks from the welding caused the fire. The flames spread quickly because there were many gas cylinders stored inside.

One of the cylinders exploded which caused a loud blast that shook the surrounding area. The large black smoke cloud frightened people living nearby. Local residents acted quickly and they informed the Fire Department and also started helping at the site. Luckily, since it was Sunday, fewer workers were present in the company. As a result, there were



no serious injuries or loss of life. Baybreeze Industries mainly manufactures coolers. A police official said that firefighters struggled to stop the fire from spreading further.

The police have asked people in the area to stay alert because more cylinder blasts are still possible. The official also said that no one has been hurt in the incident. Further investigation into the cause of the fire is underway.



**Nagpur 30 June:** Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), held its annual induction programme Deeksharambh 2025 to mark the formal commencement of the academic journey for the new batches of B.A. LL.B., B.B.A. LL.B., and LL.M. programmes. The grand event was graced by the esteemed presence of Hon'ble Justice Jitendra Maheshwari, Judge, Supreme Court of India, as the Chief Guest, and Mr. Prabal Dixit, Senior Associate Legal Manager at Bajaj Allianz Insurance, as the Guest of Honour. The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp,

symbolizing the dispelling of ignorance and the dawn of knowledge. This was followed by a welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Sukhvinder Singh Dari, Professor and Director, SLS Nagpur. In his address, Dr. Dari extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries, faculty members, students, and parents, and emphasized the importance of holistic legal education and values in building a successful career in law. He remarked that the study of law is not just the learning of statutes and procedures — it is the pursuit of justice, the voice of the voiceless, and the strength behind social transformation, inspiring the incoming batch to embrace the journey ahead with discipline and

purpose. Delivering the keynote address, Justice Jitendra Maheshwari shared insightful perspectives on the evolving role of legal professionals in upholding justice, ethics, and constitutional values. He encouraged the students to approach the field of law with integrity, dedication, and a deep understanding of their societal responsibilities. He stated that in today's rapidly evolving world, it is the unwavering commitment to justice and constitutional values that will guide aspiring legal professionals toward meaningful and ethical careers. Mr. Prabal Dixit, in his address, spoke about five key principles that every law student should embody — integrity, reading voraciously, empathy, embracing failures, and the habit of continuous questioning. He emphasized that these values form the foundation of a thoughtful, resilient, and impactful legal professional. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from the newly inducted students and their families, who interacted with faculty and got acquainted with the institutional culture, academic structure, and student life at SLS Nagpur. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Deepthi Khubalkar, Deputy Director, SLS Nagpur, who expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, faculty, staff, and students for making Deeksharambh 2025 a memorable and inspiring beginning for the new academic year.

## Misuse of Mahaonline ID?

Businesses being pursued by giving IDs elsewhere

**Mul 30 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** The government provided Mahaonline service centers with the aim of making various certificates available to citizens in the village itself. However, since some center directors are giving their Mahaonline IDs for use in other villages, this is having an adverse effect on the local Mahaonline center directors, and the center directors have demanded that appropriate action be taken against such center directors. "Aaple Sarkar Seva Kendra" is a center started by the government to provide various government services and schemes to the citizens of Maharashtra. This center works both online and offline. Here, applications can be made to obtain various types of certificates, licenses and other necessary government documents. This center is part of the 'Aaple Sarkar' portal of the Maharashtra government. The facility of citizens to apply online for various government

services and submit documents is available here. Various certificates like income certificate, caste certificate, domicile certificate, non-criminal certificate can be applied here.

These centers save time and money of the citizens.

This center helps in making the life of the citizens easier and more convenient. Citizens of the village save the hassle of going to the office for government work. Time and money are saved. It becomes easier to avail the benefits of government schemes. For this, the government provides "Aaple Seva Kendra" to local educated unemployed youth based on the population of the village. But since the last few days, some center operators have been misusing the Mahaonline ID. The local Aaple Sarkar Seva Kendra directors have demanded that appropriate action be taken against the center director.



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 Neerja Modi School in Jaipur, over 1,000 students filled the auditorium with their ideas, ambitions, and dreams. Among them, Naman Lakhani 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

**B**idhan 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 deathday.

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; Aarin 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

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 Ruprao 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

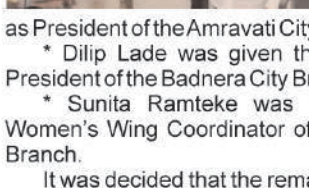
Radke, Sonali Bhad, Sadhana Tijare, Shashikala Dharva, Shubhangi Khandagale, Sanjay Banait, Ranjana Kokate, Baby Phule, Kanta Lasunte, Ranjana Waghade and others worked hard to ensure the successful organisation of the programme.

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

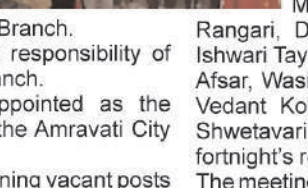


as President of the Amravati City Branch.

\* 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



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.

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), Ruprava Tidke, Rajesh Gawande, Nagesh Bhole, 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

## 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 Kumbawat 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 Hatwari's team detained four suspects near Maywadi's 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 Pendum 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), Kumbharpeth, 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 Pendum (21), Ramnagar, Nagpur
  7. Juvenile from Dharampeth, Nagpur
- Investigation Team**  
The successful operation was conducted under the guidance of SP Vishal Anand, ASP Pankaj Kumbawat, 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 Dabhane, 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.



# Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde takes stock of water tourism project

**Bhandara 30 June (NAGPUR POST/DC):** While visiting Bhandara district, Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde took stock of the water cruise project at Wainganga Korambi in Bhandara district recently. On the occasion, Minister of State for Finance Ashish Jaiswal, legislator Narendra Bhandekar, Additional District Collector Rajendra Kumar Jadhav, Superintendent of Police Nurul Hasan, Resident Deputy District Collector Lina Phalke, Superintendent Engineer Rajesh Patil, Chief Officer Karan Kumar Chavan and others were present with him.



The work of the proposed water cruise project on the Wainganga river in the vicinity of Korambi village in Bhandara district is underway and Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde visited and took stock of the project during the visit. On the occasion, legislator Narendra Bhandekar disseminated information about this project. Shinde expressed hope that there would be scope for boating in Vidarbha and that the work on this project would be of high quality. After that, he visited the magnificent Lord

Shri Ram idol at the Khamba Talav area of Bhandara city. Along with this, he inspected the work in the area and left for the scheduled meeting at the railway ground on Khat Road. Earlier, state Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Minister of State for Finance, Ashish Jaiswal arrived in the area of MIET Mahavidyalaya, Shahapur by helicopter. Meanwhile, legislator Narendra Bhandekar, Additional District Collector Rajendra

Kumar Jadhav and Superintendent of Police Nurul Hasan were present to welcome him. A world-class tourism project is being developed at Gosokhurd Reservoir, Majia Maudi, (Bhandara District). This project includes an innovative water tourism centre, a ramp for boats and tourists, seating arrangements for tourists, a parking lot as well as a restaurant, a garden, various facilities for tourists, and jetties are being constructed at various places in order to connect villages and other tourist destinations. The project is planned to be completed by the year April 2026.

## Taj Ahmed Raja felicitated



**Nagpur 30 June:** A blood donation camp and felicitation ceremony was organised at Taj Bag Sharif on the initiative of Faizane Tajul Aulia Old Age Home. A large number of blood donors showed their social responsibility by donating blood at the blood donation camp. People who serve the society by taking good initiatives and blood donors were felicitated on the occasion. Hazrat Baba Tajuddin Trust's Secretary Taj Ahmed Raja was felicitated by Faizane Tajul Aulia Old Age Home's founder president Maulana Irshad and other office bearers.

## Happy Doctors Day

"On this Doctors' Day, let's pledge to not only heal broken hearts but also protect healthy ones. A healthy heart is the foundation of a healthy life—and every beat matters."

Young Heart Attacks on the Rise: A Wake-Up Call for India's Cardiac Health

In recent years, India has witnessed a disturbing trend—a sharp increase in heart attacks among young adults, often below the age of 40. Traditionally considered a disease of the elderly, heart attacks are now striking at an earlier age, robbing families of their loved ones in their most productive years.

As a cardiologist, I encounter an alarming number of young patients suffering from acute coronary syndromes, many with no prior warning. This demands immediate awareness and preventive action.

What's Driving Heart Attacks in the Young?

Multiple factors contribute to this unsettling rise:

1. Lifestyle Changes: Rapid urbanization has brought sedentary habits, high-stress jobs, irregular sleep patterns, and poor diet choices. Junk food, smoking, alcohol, and lack of exercise form a deadly combination.

2. Uncontrolled Risk Factors: Hypertension, diabetes, and high cholesterol often go undiagnosed in young adults. Many are unaware of these silent killers progressing in their bodies.

3. Tobacco and Substance Abuse: Smoking and other forms of tobacco use significantly accelerate atherosclerosis—the process of artery blockages—even in the 20s and 30s.

4. Stress and Mental Health: Chronic stress, anxiety, and work pressure elevate cortisol levels, increasing the risk of hypertension, heart rhythm problems, and heart attacks.

5. Genetic Predisposition: A strong family history of heart disease magnifies the risk, especially if combined with lifestyle triggers.

Heart Health: Prevention is the Best Cure

The good news is—heart attacks are largely preventable with early lifestyle modifications and regular medical check-ups:

- Know Your Numbers: Regularly monitor blood pressure, sugar levels, cholesterol profile, and BMI, even in your 20s.

- Stay Physically Active: Aim for at least 30 minutes of moderate exercise daily—walking, cycling, or yoga.

- Eat Heart-Healthy: Prefer fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and unsaturated fats. Avoid trans fats, excessive salt, and processed foods.

- Quit Smoking and Tobacco: There's no safe limit—quitting is the most effective heart-protective step.

- Manage Stress: Mindfulness, meditation, and balanced work-life routines can significantly reduce cardiac risk.

- Routine Heart Screening: Especially for those with family history or existing risk factors.

Recognizing Warning Signs Early

Young individuals often ignore subtle symptoms, delaying life-saving treatment. Chest discomfort, breathlessness, unusual fatigue, or palpitations should never be dismissed, regardless of age.

The Road Ahead

While medical advances in angioplasty, stents, and preventive cardiology have improved survival, the ultimate goal remains preventing the first heart attack, especially in the young.

It's time for a societal shift—prioritizing heart health from an early age. Employers, educational institutions, and families must promote cardiac wellness as actively as academic or career success.

Let us work together to reverse this dangerous trend. Your heart doesn't check your age before failing—so start taking care today.

Cardiology, as a specialty, places us on the frontlines of critical care. From heart attacks to complex rhythm disorders, the conditions we treat are often sudden, serious, and life-threatening. In such moments, our knowledge and skills are crucial—but so is our presence, empathy, and calm reassurance. For the patient and their family, it is often our voice and confidence that brings hope amid uncertainty.

At Wockhardt Hospitals, we witness this every day. A patient who arrives in distress and walks out with a healthier heart—that transformation is not just about treatment, but about trust. It's built through tireless teamwork, long hours, difficult decisions, and an unwavering commitment to care.

By Dr. Amit Ballamwar,

MBBS, MD, DNB (General Medicine)

DrNB (Cardiology), PGDGM, MNAMS.

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## Social Justice Day and Rajashree Shahu Maharaj Jayanti observed

**Katol 30 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** 'Rajashree

Shahu Maharaj Jayanti and Social Justice Day' was

celebrated under the

leadership of Jivan Gaikwad

at Chhatrapati Shivaji

Maharaj Vyapar Sankul

premises, Katol. A lecture by

Subhan Ali, a well-known

enlightener and practitioner

of Shivaji Maharaj's ideology,

was organised on the

occasion. Throwing light on

the life of Chhatrapati Shahu

Maharaj, he said that the

legendary Maratha warrior

was a well-wisher of the

Bahujan community, Muslim

community, rich, the Dalits

and the poor. Today, some

people are misusing the

name of Chhatrapati Shivaji

Maharaj in order to create

differences among castes, he

narrated with examples. Yoga

expert pursuing social work,

Dr. Tejsingh Jagdale, Sharad

Shetty, Javed Pathan were

felicitated by Subhan Ali.

### Change Of Name

MY OLD PASSPORT NO. B129633. MY OLD NAME WAS SHEIKH RYAJ MOHAMMED SHEIKH NIYAZ. NOW MY NEW NAME IS RYAZ NIYAZ SHEIKH.

ADD : PLOT NO. 60, OPP. SAYYAD GUEST HOUSE THAKUR PLOT TAJABAD, NAGPUR (MAH) - 440024.

MY OLD NAME WAS MOHAMMAD ARIF. NOW MY NEW NAME IS MOHAMMAD ARIF SHEIKH.

PASSPORT NO. K6983061. ADD : M K MAJESTIC APT FLAT NO 202 PLOT NO 37 PUSHKAR CO OP S KATOL ROAD NAGPUR - 440013.

MY OLD NAME WAS SHAZIA ANJUM KHAN. NOW MY NEW NAME IS SHAZIA ANJUM MOHAMMAD ARIF SHEIKH.

PASSPORT NO. K1315642. ADD : M K MAJESTIC APT FLAT NO 202 PLOT NO 37 PUSHKAR CO OP S KATOL ROAD NAGPUR - 440013.

MY OLD NAME WAS SHAI-FUDDIN SYED FAKHRUDDIN. NOW MY NEW NAME IS SHAI-FUDDIN FAKHRUDDIN SYED.

ADD : NEAR DR. REHAN HOUSE, DUDHE LAOUT PUSAD YAVATMAL - 445204.

MY OLD NAME WAS SHAI-FUDDIN SYED FAKHRUDDIN. NOW MY NEW NAME IS AAYFZ MUSTAK SHEIKH. NOW MY NEW NAME IS AAYFZ MUSTAK SHEIKH.

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## Grand 3 lakh square feet dome ready for devotees at Tajbagh

**Nagpur 30 June:** The 103rd annual Urs of Hazrat Baba Tajuddin Rahmatullah Alaih located at Umred Road, Bada Tajbagh will be celebrated with great enthusiasm from 18 July to 29 July 2025. Grand domes and tents are being built across an area of 3 lakh square feet in Tajbagh for the devotees coming to the annual Urs. Many domes have been prepared. Apart from the Dargah complex, these domes are being built in different premises including in the vicinity of Bahar Gate, Mela Ground. Under the leadership of Hazrat Baba Tajuddin Trust Chairman Pyare Zia Khan and Secretary Taj Ahmed Raja, emphasis is being laid on all the necessary arrangements. An important meeting of the Trust was held at the Hazrat Baba Tajuddin Trust office regarding the annual Urs festivities. Trust Chairman Pyare Khan, Secretary Taj Ahmed Raja, Vice President Dr. Surendra Jichkar, Member Mustafabhai Topiwala, Haji Imroon Khan Tazi, Farooquebhai Bawla, trust member Gajendrapal Singh Lohiya and others were present in the meeting. Taj Ahmed Raja, Secretary of Tajbagh Trust, said that the best arrangements have



been made in the fair ground. Special attention has been paid to ensure that the devotees do not face any problem due to any untoward incident. Cooperation is also being received from the local administration. A meeting will also be conducted with the administration soon. Attention is also being paid to arrangements such as parking facilities, toilets, accommodation, domes, water, transport, security. The Urs will be monitored with CCTV cameras. The annual Urs of Hazrat Baba Tajuddin Rahmatullah Alaih will be held on July 18 with the flag hoisting will take place at 9 am. After this, religious programmes will be held on a daily basis till July 29. A grand fair will also be organised during the Urs festivities.

## Power transmission lines cut 120 times in 3 months

**MSEDCL suffers losses worth crores of rupees**

**Nagpur 30 June:** Due to various works like road widening, laying of drainage lines, underground power lines have been cut 120 times in Nagpur city in the last three months, resulting in power supply disruptions. Government agencies are responsible for 82.5 percent of these incidents. Due to this, MSEDCL has had to bear losses worth crores of rupees. Moreover, MSEDCL is facing the wrath of citizens due to frequent power cuts. According to the data released by MSEDCL, the number of power cuts in the city increased drastically in the 3 months from April 2025 to June 2025.

During this period, power lines were affected 120 times due to various infrastructure development related works. Power transmission lines were damaged 28 times in April, 49 times in May and 43 times in June.

Out of this, as many as 99 or 82.5 percent of the damage was caused by government agencies, while only 12 times the power lines were cut by private agencies. In particular, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation and the Nagpur

Improvement Trust have damaged underground power lines of MSEDCL 57 times. Government agencies often start digging without prior planning, which causes underground power lines to break in the process. Minor repairs can be carried out immediately, but major damage takes time to repair and power supply remains disrupted for a long time. The Nagpur Municipal Corporation and the Nagpur Improvement Trust have damaged power lines 57 times, followed by MAHARAIL (13 times), METRO (5 times), National Highways Authority of India (7 times), Orange City Water (11 times), Public Works Department (5 times) and Railways (Once).

The city's Mahal section has suffered the highest number of power line disruptions, i.e. at 40 places, due to development works, including flyover construction work. Apart from this, power lines have also been damaged to a large extent at Congress Nagar section (30), Civil Lines (20) and Butibori (18).

On June 29, the 11 kV high-voltage power line at Jaidurga was cut off, disrupting power supply to 16 substations supplying power to about 3,500 customers in Manishnagar. Earlier, on June 25, the 33 kV Pardi power line was cut during excavation work at Besa and near Prajapati Nagar Metro Station. On June 18, the 11 kV Nandanvan and 11 kV BSNL power lines were also cut by contractors of road works and water supply related companies. In the aftermath of such incidents, MSEDCL has to restore power supply through alternative arrangements, which increases the cost of repairs and also inflicts financial loss in power sales.

MSEDCL has appealed to all concerned government and private institutions that if MSEDCL is given prior notice before digging roads, such incidents can be avoided and inconvenience to citizens will also be avoided.

It is very important for all government organisations to coordinate accordingly in order to ensure uninterrupted power supply to citizens.

## Number of environment friendly consumers reaches 5 lakh mark in MSEDCL's 'Go-Green' scheme

**Nagpur 30 June:** Consumers in the small print category, who have completely stopped using printed paper for electricity bills and opted for only 'email' and 'SMS' options, have reached the 5 lakh mark as far as MSEDCL's Go-Green scheme is concerned. 5 Lakh 3 thousand 795 electricity consumers who have participated in this scheme till Monday (June 30) are getting an annual benefit of Rs 6 crore 4 lakh 55 thousand. The online facility made available for participation in the 'Go-Green' scheme is aimed at contributing to the cause of environment conservation and detailed information about the scheme is available on MSEDCL's mobile app and website www.mahadiscom.in. MSEDCL Chairman and Managing Director Lokesh Chandra has appealed to electricity consumers to participate in the 'Go-Green' scheme and contribute to the environment-friendly scheme. Annual benefit of Rs 120 is being availed by consumers. MSEDCL has focused on reducing the use of printed paper for electricity bills through its environmentally friendly 'Go-Green' scheme. If only the 'email' and 'SMS' option is chosen instead of paper bills, a discount of Rs 10 is being given per bill. Due to this, consumers are getting an annual financial benefit of Rs 120 in their electricity bills.

What is special is that after choosing the Go-Green scheme, a lump sum discount of Rs 120 is being given in the first electricity bill of the concerned consumers for the next 12 months. Earlier, this discount was available at the rate of Rs 10 each in each bill.

The Go-Green scheme, which is optional for electricity consumers, is

evoking an enthusiastic response from consumers and the number of consumers opting for the same is increasing by leaps and bounds. So far, 5 lakh 3 thousand 795 environment friendly electricity consumers have participated in the scheme.

These consumers are getting an annual benefit of Rs 6 crore 4 lakh 55 thousand 400. In this the maximum benefit is 2 lakh 1 thousand 233 (Rs 2.42 crore) in Western Maharashtra, 1 lakh 13 thousand 254 (Rs 1.36 crore), North Maharashtra- 70 thousand 226 (Rs 84.27 lakh), Vidarbha-63 thousand 731 (Rs 76.47 lakh) and in Marathwada, 55 thousand 351 electricity consumers participating in the scheme are getting an annual benefit of 66 lakh 42 thousand rupees.

Immediately after the electricity bill is prepared in the computerised system of MSEDCL, the electricity bill is being sent to the concerned consumers every month on the registered 'email' and on the mobile 'SMS'. If the amount is paid promptly within a span of 7 days from the date of the electricity bill generation, a one percent discount is given.

For this too, it has become convenient to pay the electricity bill immediately online. Electricity consumers can save the monthly electricity bill received through email in a soft copy on the computer. Along with this, the electricity bills of the previous 11 months, including the current electricity bill, are available in their original form on the official website of MSEDCL www.mahadiscom.in. Electricity consumers have the facility to download them at any time or print them in original colour as per their requirement.

## Citizens suffering due to sewerage works in Tirora town

**Vehicles getting stuck in potholes, water being accumulated**

**Tirora 30 June (NAGPUR POST/TC):** The gutter lines scheme, which was started at a cost of crores of rupees in Tirora city seems to be in shambles. Amid the first rains, almost all the roads in the town have developed potholes and water has accumulated in many places, causing traffic jams in the town due to vehicles getting stuck in many places and creating a serious problem for the citizens as the entire town including Tirora has become muddy. Daily life has been disrupted due to the high handedness and irresponsible behaviour of the contractor company responsible for the implementation of this scheme. In Tirora town, deep pits were dug on the central roads of the city to lay the gutter line. After that, pipes were put in them and soil was filled. However, the work of smoothening the road stretch was left unfinished.



Although soil was put in certain places, the roller was not used. As a result, large potholes have developed on the roads of the entire town. During the first rains of the monsoon season, water accumulated in the pits at Mohan square, Agashe Layout, Sai Mandir,

Killawad, Thakur Maula, Juni Wasti, Sahakar Nagar, disrupting normal life and increasing the chances of accidents. Bike riders are falling and vehicles are getting stuck in pits at some places. Citizens have directly blamed the contractor company for this menace. Underground cables have been damaged to a large extent at many places during these works. Street lights are out in various parts of the city due to damage inflicted to power lines and street light cables. As soon as the monsoon season begins, the plight of citizens has increased due to incomplete work in the sewerage line project. Water, mud and bare soil accumulated on the roads have made it difficult to move through many parts of the town. Therefore, social activists and citizens have demanded that the administration take strict action against the contractor company involved.

## Empowering Educators: School of Scholars Wardha conducts CBSE value education training

**Wardha 30 June:** On 29th June 2025, one-day training session on Value Education was successfully organized at School of Scholars Wardha, under the trainers of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). The training aimed to empower teachers with innovative approaches to instill moral and ethical values in students, aligning with CBSE's commitment to holistic education. The session was inaugurated with a lamp lighting ceremony by the Principal of the school Mr. Suresh Lakde, H.M Mrs. Manjiri Raspalile and the resource person followed by a welcome of the resource person for the session Mrs. Charushila Paunkar (Narayana Vidyalayam, Chandrapur) and Mrs. Shruti Chawak (Yavatmal Public School). They later engaged the teachers through a

series of interactive activities, case studies, storytelling, and group discussions. Teachers were guided on how to integrate value education into daily classroom teaching and co-curricular activities. Stressing the role of teachers as ethical role models, the training focused on key CBSE-recommended strategies such as Integrating values through all subjects, developing a culture of reflection and self-discipline. More than 70 teachers from all the departments actively took part in the training.



They expressed appreciation for the practical insights and tools shared during the session. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by H.M Mrs. Manjiri Raspalile, who praised the enthusiastic participation of the staff and the leadership of the CBSE in promoting value-based education.



# 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 period 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, Near 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
* Ashish Doshi	Vice President
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* Naresh Jakhota	Vice 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 DECP 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, 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 Shirasath, 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 Dahasastra 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) Donthi 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, Umarkhed on Monday, June 30. The camp was started by lighting the lamp by the Tehsildar of Umarkhed 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.