

All party march against EVM tampering to draw attention of EC & concerned authorities held



Bhandara 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): The results of the Bhandara Municipal Council elections have been announced recently and the fact that the name of Karuna Raut, the candidate of the Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Chandra Pawar) faction from Ward No. 3 (Group A), was not displayed in the EVM machine is a very serious,

shocking and disturbing incident that undermines democratic values. Distrust in the reliability of EVMs was expressed from time to time throughout the country. However, due to the lack of concrete evidence, the EVM system and its handlers were repeatedly declared innocent. But for the first time in history, such a peculiar instance has come to the fore in the Bhandara

Municipal Council elections. Despite voting, the results of candidate Karuna Raut and 'NOTA' were not displayed on the EVM machine during the counting of votes and the results were announced directly. This incident raises serious questions about the democratic process, and this single incident has completely jeopardised the reliability of the EVM

system. An all-party march was organised at the Collectorate in Bhandara on Monday (December 29) to raise voice against this serious problem through democratic means and to bring out the truth by drawing the attention of the Election Commission and the administration to the pressing issue. The march started from Hutatma Smarak, Shastri square and after reaching Trimurti square near Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar statue, it turned into a rally. District presidents, leaders, office bearers of all parties except BJP, candidates for the post of civic body President and corporator who lost in the elections, activists and a large number of citizens who believe in democracy were present in the march. While guiding the attendees at the meeting, the dignitaries expressed their firm determination that the violation of democracy will not be tolerated and the fight against this injustice will be fought decisively. Demands

were put forth before the administration and the Election Commission. These included (1) that the Bhandara Municipal Council election should be re-conducted on ballot papers instead of EVMs. (2) The guilty officials responsible for the serious incident that came to light during the counting of votes should be immediately suspended. The memorandum containing the demands put forth during the march was received by the Resident Deputy District Collector of Bhandara Mrs. Phadke who came to the agitation venue and accepted it. It was also appealed to participate in Bhandara district Bandh on 12 January 2026 if the demands put forth by the agitators were not fulfilled. Also, considering the seriousness of the matter, it was strongly demanded that a thorough, fair and transparent investigation be conducted into the entire matter and strict action be taken against the culprits.

Many veteran leaders unhappy with ticket distribution for CMC polls

Several candidates file nomination papers independently



Chandrapur 31 December: On the last day of filling the nomination forms for the municipal corporation elections, there was confusion at the form distribution centres across the city as the names of many aspiring candidates from the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Congress Party were not included in the ticket distribution process. In order to prepare the final list of candidates in Congress, a meeting was held at the residence of MLC Sudhakar Adbale between MP Pratibha Dhanorkar, MLA Vijay Wadetiwar, and Adbale till midnight on Monday (December 29). The final list of

candidates was finalised during this meeting. The BJP finalised the list of candidates in a famous hotel in Chandrapur with the consent of MP Sancheti and MLA Jorgewar along with Sudhir Mungantiwar. The Congress party distributed AB forms to the confirmed candidates from the morning December 30, while many dramatic developments were witnessed at the ticket distribution venue of BJP. The angry candidates who did not get tickets at the BJP ticket distribution venue spoke harshly about the party leaders and top brass. It seems that the supporters of Sudhir Mungantiwar have been given more tickets in the BJP. While distributing tickets, both parties denied tickets to many veteran former councillors. In the Chandrapur Municipal Corporation elections, the BJP-Shinde faction, Shiv Sena UBT-Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi, Congress-Jan Vikas Aghadi have formed an alliance, and Sharad Pawar faction of NCP, MNS and Ajit Pawar faction of NCP will contest polls separately.

Sports Day Celebrated at The Achievers School

Nagpur 31 December: The Achievers School celebrated its Annual Sports Day with great enthusiasm under the themes "India's World Championship Journey" and "Time Travel Fun Fest." Students from Pre-School to Grade 10 participated, making it a vibrant celebration of fitness, teamwork, and talent. Younger students showcased the "Time Travel Fun Fest" through imaginative races and drills inspired by different eras. The event was graced by Dr. Amit Samarth, Bicycle Mayor of Nagpur, who encouraged students to adopt fitness and cycling. Students from Grades 3 to 10 celebrated India's sporting achievements with exciting games, creative drills, and energetic dance performances. The day was honored by Shri Anup Rajurkar, former national basketball player and international coach, who inspired students with his motivating address. Led by Director Mrs. Sapna Katiyar and Principal Mrs. Pooja Mahawadiwar, the Sports Day concluded with prize distribution and joyful memories, celebrating the spirit of sportsmanship, perseverance, and unity.

Dr. Chanchal Kapile honoured with 'Yavatmal Ratna Award'



YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: Dr. Chanchal Kapile, a homeopathic doctor from Yavatmal who consistently strives to provide healthcare to the poor and underprivileged sections of society, was honored with the 'Yavatmal Ratna Award' by the International Human Rights Federation for her remarkable social work. The award was presented by Pravin Bandewar, Secretary of the Sanskriti Sanvadhan Mandal, in a programme organised at Matoshri Old Age Home Nilona. Upholding the vow of social

service, Dr. Kapile's work in the field of healthcare is proving to be an inspiration to many. Dr. Chanchal Kapile, who has been providing homeopathic treatment services in Yavatmal city for the past five years, is known not only as a doctor but also as a dedicated service-oriented individual who upholds social responsibility. She consistently organizes medical camps to provide free treatment and healthcare to needy and poor patients. Her father, Baba Kapile, is known in society as an ideal teacher, and this legacy of values is reflected in Dr. Kapile's work. The programme was attended by Rahul Sorte (President, Yavatmal District Human Rights Federation), Arvind Ingle (Secretary), Anis Chavan (District Member), Babarao Kapile, Vimal Rajkamal Ingle, Komal Dharam Dahake, and Mayur Raut. On this occasion, Adv. Meenakshi Maheshwari, Vidarbha President of the Human Rights Federation, also congratulated Dr. Chanchal Kapile and extended her best wishes for her future social work. This award is a recognition of the service rendered with social awareness, and Chanchal Kapile's work is proving to be an inspiration for all.

Alumni meet held at Swami Vivekanand High School, Waddhamna



Wadi 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC): The alumni reunion of the 2008-09 batch of Swami Vivekanand High School, Waddhamna, was celebrated with great enthusiasm, nostalgia and joy. Out of a total of 54 students from the batch, 48 former students marked their presence, turning the school campus vibrant once again with memories of student life. Traditional and entertaining games such as Kho-Kho and Musical Chairs were organized during the reunion. Participating

enthusiastically, the alumni relived their childhood and school days. This was followed by energetic dancing to DJ music, as applause, laughter and excitement echoed throughout the campus. The most attractive and emotional moment of the program was when senior teacher Gajanan Talmale conducted a live 'Math Class'. He took attendance and made 11th former students sit in the classroom once again. After many years, sitting before their teacher proved to be an emotional and unforgettable

experience, bringing back cherished memories for all. The event was gracefully and energetically anchored by Diksha Thakre, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Pawan Bansod. The program was graced by retired teacher Gyaneshwar Budhe as the Chief Guest, along with the esteemed presence of teacher Lata Suryavanshi. Non-teaching staff members Nandu Jaipur, Rajkumar Parachi, and Sangeeta Kashyap, along with several dignitaries, were present on the occasion. Addressing the gathering, the teachers highlighted that the values, discipline and saskar imparted by the school have played a vital role in the alumni achieving success in various fields today. The alumni felicitated their teachers and expressed gratitude towards the school, pledging active support for its future academic, social and developmental initiatives. The historic and memorable reunion concluded with a fellowship lunch.

Festive season turns political as NMC aspirants reach out to voters through new year's eve parties

Nagpur 31 December: With the 2026 NMC elections approaching, election activity across the city has taken on a festive tone as New Year's Eve becomes an informal platform for voter outreach. Following the finalisation of candidates by major political parties, several aspiring corporators have begun engaging residents through celebrations timed with the year-end festivities. In many wards, New Year gatherings are being used to create a connect with voters in a relaxed and celebratory environment. Some aspirants are sponsoring party passes at hotels, clubs and popular roadside venues, while others are opting for community-level celebrations such as neighbourhood bonfires, shared meals and small local events. Music, food and refreshments have emerged as common features of these gatherings, adding to the festive appeal. Residents in several areas have welcomed the



convergence of the election season with New Year celebrations, describing it as an unexpected but enjoyable development. The atmosphere in many neighbourhoods reflects a mix of civic anticipation and holiday cheer, with voters participating actively in local events. Observers note that such festive outreach is a familiar grassroots strategy, particularly in wards expected to witness close contests. These initiatives are aimed at building visibility and goodwill well ahead of polling day. The NMC elections are scheduled for January 15, with counting set for January 16. The last date for filing nominations is Tuesday, while January 2 has been fixed as the deadline for withdrawal of candidature.

Zone 4's special combing operation ahead of New Year: 149 Accused, 193 vehicles checked

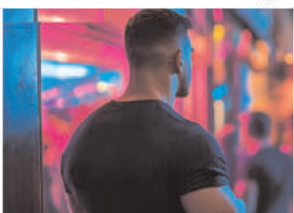
Nagpur 31 December: In view of New Year celebrations and the upcoming elections, Zone 4 Police led by DCP Rashmitha Rao intensified preventive action by conducting a special combing operation and naka-bandi drives. The operation was carried out on December 27 and 30, 2025, between 5.50 pm and 11.00 pm. As part of the drive, police teams from Hudkeshwar, Nandanvan, Imamwada, Ajni, Sakardara and Beltarodi police stations carried out intensive checks and surprise actions in their respective jurisdictions. The focus was on preventing serious crimes, curbing illegal activities and maintaining law

and order during the festive period. According to official data, a total of 149 accused were booked in various cases. Of these, three accused were arrested, while 28 persons were bound down under preventive provisions. Police also conducted 193 vehicle checks during naka-bandi operations and initiated action against traffic and other violations. The operation led to significant seizures and cases, including six cases of illegal weapon possession, 23 cases of illegal liquor sale, nine cases of drug consumption, five cases of gambling, and nine cases of loudspeaker-related violations. Additionally, 35 liquor shops were inspected and

warned against illegal sale, while 12 establishments were booked for other offences. Action was also taken against offenders for public nuisance and related violations. Senior officers personally supervised the operation. DCP Rao led the drive with the support of police inspectors and staff from all concerned police stations. Each police station deployed dedicated teams, including officers and personnel, ensuring effective coverage of sensitive areas. Police officials stated that such special comb-out operations and naka-bandi drives will continue in the coming days to deter criminal elements and ensure a safe and peaceful New Year for citizens.

Bouncers Rs 2K/day: Security costs soar ahead of New Year's Eve as clubs tighten vigil after fatal violence in city

Nagpur 31 December: New Year's Eve celebrations in Nagpur are set to take place under heightened security arrangements, with private bouncer charges nearly doubling amid growing safety concerns following recent violent incidents at city clubs. Event organisers and party venues are now paying up to Rs 2,000 per bouncer per day, compared to the usual Rs 1,000-Rs 1,200, as establishments move to avoid lapses that could invite police action or closure. The surge in security costs comes in the wake of a deadly incident during a Christmas party at a club on Wardha Road, where a violent clash between two groups spilled outside the premises, resulting in the death of two youths. Subsequent police action led to the temporary sealing of the club after an inquiry reportedly found serious violations, including overcrowding, underage drinking, inadequate security presence, gaps in CCTV coverage and delays in informing the authorities. Concerns within the nightlife circuit were further intensified by another late-night assault during a Christmas party at a club in Civil Lines, where a youth sustained injuries after being attacked with a



liquor glass. The back-to-back incidents have prompted venues to reassess their safety protocols ahead of December 31. Industry experts say demand for trained bouncers has risen sharply, with venues insisting on higher guard-to-guest ratios, stricter frisking procedures and improved crowd management. The revised rates, they note, reflect both the sudden spike in demand and the increased responsibility placed on private security personnel. With Nagpur police expected to maintain close surveillance over clubs and late-night parties, this year's New Year celebrations are likely to be marked by tight security rather than just glamour. The shift signals a clear change in the city's nightlife approach, where safety and compliance have become central to hosting year-end events.

Nagpur 31 December: Ahead of New Year's Eve celebrations, Nagpur Police have issued a detailed traffic advisory, announcing temporary road closures, route diversions and heightened enforcement measures to ensure smooth traffic flow and public safety. With large crowds, especially youngsters, expected to throng city roads to welcome the New Year, authorities have put preventive arrangements in place to avoid congestion, accidents and law-and-order issues. According to

the notification, all types of vehicular movement will be restricted on select routes as per necessity. In the Futala Lake area, traffic will be completely prohibited on roads connecting Telangkhedi Hanuman Mandir, Vayusenagar and Futala Basti. On West High Court Road, both carriageways between Law College Square and Shankarnagar Square may be closed depending on the situation. Traffic on major flyovers, including Bardi-Gowari Flyover, Sadar Flyover (Katol

Road-Mankapur), LIC to Pili River Sai Mandir Flyover and Mehendibagh Flyover, will also be suspended on both sides if required. On-duty police and traffic personnel will divert vehicles to alternate routes



Second death after Dabo Christmas party murder, Gaurav Karda succumbs to injuries at hospital

Nagpur 31 December: The death toll in the violent clash following a Christmas celebration at a city club has risen to two, after Gaurav Brijlal Karda (34) succumbed to his injuries at a private hospital on Tuesday, December 30. He was critically injured in the same incident in which Pranay Naresh Nannaware (28) was killed, making it the second death linked to the Christmas party violence. The incident occurred in the early hours of Friday, December 26, around 4 am, near Pride Square on Wardha Road, under the jurisdiction of Sonagaon police station. According to police, a group of youths had gathered at Dabo Club to celebrate Christmas. After the party ended, a dispute erupted between two groups near an XUV 700 vehicle parked close to Hotel Pride Square. What began as a verbal argument soon escalated into a violent altercation. Police said the accused, Mehul Rahate,

allegedly attacked Pranay Nannaware, a resident of the Mahal area near Sachin Pohe Wale, and Gaurav Karda, a resident of Flat No. 307, Devyog Apartment, near Chikhli Deepthi Signal on Kalamna Road. The victims were allegedly assaulted on the rib area using sharp weapons, an iron rod, and bricks, causing severe injuries. Both injured men were rushed to Orange City Hospital, Nagpur, where Pranay Nannaware died during treatment. Gaurav Karda, who had been admitted to the ICU in critical condition, fought for his life for four days before succumbing to his injuries on Tuesday. Following Karda's death, police have initiated procedures to add appropriate sections related to murder in the case. Statements of eyewitnesses are being recorded, and a spot panchama has already been conducted. The accused remain in police custody, and further investigation is underway.

Nagpur traffic advisory for new year's eve: Road closures, diversions and 131 checkpoints across city

based on ground conditions. These restrictions will be in force from 6 pm on December 31 till 6 am on January 1, 2026. **Kamal Chowk-Pachpaoli Diversion:** Vehicles travelling from Kamal Chowk towards Pachpaoli Police Station will be diverted via Kamal Talkies wall compound, proceeding straight past Sindhu College and then taking a right turn towards Pachpaoli. This diversion will remain effective from December 31, 2025, to

January 30, 2026. **131 Checkpoints for NYE** In view of New Year celebrations, police will set up 'nakabandis' at 131 locations across Nagpur. Drunk driving and traffic violations will be strictly dealt with. "No one will be allowed to take the law into their hands under the guise of celebrations. Citizens who follow traffic rules will be greeted," Commissioner of Police Dr Ravinder Kumar Singal said, appealing for public cooperation.

Schaeffler India Honours Amravati Innovator Swapnil Gawande with 'Social Innovator Fellowship'

Amravati 31 December: Schaeffler India, a leading motion technology company has announced the winners of its 2025 edition of the 'Schaeffler India Social Innovator Fellowship Program'.

The program is designed to empower young social innovators who are creating impactful and scalable solutions to some of society's most pressing environmental and societal challenges. By nurturing ideas that combine innovation with sustainability, it seeks to transform grassroots initiatives into long-term change drivers that can improve communities. Among the top ten winners, Swapnil Gawande from Amravati has been recognized for his innovation, a unified digital platform that connects all Eye Banks, Eye Retrieval Centres, and Eye Transplant Centres to enable real-time tracking, transparent allocation, and fair distribution of corneal tissues.

The system streamlines coordination, reduces delays, minimizes wastage, and ensures that patients across regions receive timely

and equitable access to sight-restoring corneal transplants. Marking its fourth edition, this year's fellowship invited applications from individuals, groups, institutions, and organizations, both for-profit and non-profit, across India. The program was open to applicants aged 18-35 who are addressing pressing challenges in Environmental sustainability, Renewable energy, Carbon neutrality, Circular economy, Natural resource management, and the application of technology in the social sector. After a rigorous screening process, which encompasses stringent evaluations and multiple rounds of live video prototype demonstrations, the top 10 exceptional projects were awarded a grant of INR 1.75 lakh and access to an intensive 24-week hybrid mentorship program at the renowned IIMA Ventures, designed to accelerate their ideas. The program will provide tools, framework, access to industry expert mentoring, and resources to be market ready and scale their solutions to amplify their impact.

Since its enrolment



opened in July 2025, the program has received over 460 registrations from over 21 states and final submission of 172 eligible application, including the state of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, UP, Gujarat, Assam, Tamilnadu, Jammu and Kashmir, West Bengal, AP and Delhi, Punjab and more with 103 shortlisted applicants for assessment. Harsha Kadam, MD and CEO of Schaeffler India emphasized the company's focus on motion technology as a driver for positive change and stated, "Congratulations to all the winners of the Social Innovator Fellowship Program. It is inspiring to see passionate young minds develop solutions that

address our society's most pressing challenges. At Schaeffler India we are dedicated advancing motion technology as a catalyst for positive change.

Through this program, we aim to nurture the next generation of changemakers who will lead India towards a more sustainable and inclusive future. The initiative reflects Schaeffler India's deep commitment to fostering innovation that improves lives and creates lasting value for communities and the environment."

The Social Innovator Fellowship Program reflects the Schaeffler India's commitment to integrating sustainability and innovation as pathways to addressing societal and environmental challenges.

As part of its flagship CSR initiative, HOPE (Healthcare, Occupational skill development, Preservation of heritage & Environment, and Empowerment of society), the program is designed to identify and empower young changemakers who are developing scalable, impactful, and technology-driven solutions. In doing so,

Schaeffler aims to harness entrepreneurial spirit and provide a platform where innovators can translate their ideas into transformative actions that strengthen communities and build resilience in the face of critical issues.

The award ceremony was graced by Professor Gurudas Nulkar, Director Centre for Sustainable Development, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Mr. Munish Bhatia, Co-Founder, India Accelerator & CEO, Bharat Ventures and Ms. Ankur Sohanpal, AVP IIMA Ventures. Beyond this fellowship, Schaeffler India continues to drive social development through targeted initiatives such as promoting STEM education in underserved areas, advancing water conservation, encouraging agroforestry and climate-resilient agriculture, and supporting community health projects. Through these initiatives, the company envisions creating an ecosystem where innovation and sustainability converge, ensuring equitable progress and positive transformation in society.

Wild animals wreak havoc in Mahuli Chor, extensive crop damage reported

Nandgaon Khandeshwar 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC): Farmers in the Mahuli Chor locality of Nandgaon Khandeshwar taluka are suffering serious financial losses due to wild animals. Nilgais, deers, wild boars, and monkeys are constantly roaming around the farms in the vicinity of Babhulan and the Jalu river, leading to increasing destruction of crops. As a result, farmers are constantly worried.

Farmers have to apply online for sake of compensation for the damage caused by these wild animals. However, since the application form has to be submitted in person at the Forest Department office in Wadali (Amravati), this is proving to be an expensive affair and an inconvenient journey from the point of view of the farmers. Therefore, there is an urgent demand to start a facility to accept applications in the village itself. Even during winter months, many farmers stay overnight in their farms trying to protect their crops, yet the damage to crops by animals cannot be



prevented. Farmers also complain that the compensation received in turn is very meager. In order to address the issue of control measures, increase in compensation for damage caused by wild animals, and simplification of the application process, local Gram Panchayat members Nikhil Chore and Roshan Pawar, along with farmers Ankush Kolhe, Akshay Pawar, Vishal Raut, Rahul Dongre, Sandeep Jagtap, Anant Tikhile, Saurav Surose, Bhushan Sav, Manish Detha, Nikhil Dongre, and others, have submitted a memorandum to the Forest Department authorities in this concern.

FDA's special inspection campaign based on 'New Year resolution - safe food' theme launched

Amravati 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): On the occasion of the New Year eve, the Food and Drug Administration department is conducting a special inspection campaign titled 'New Year's resolution - safe food' in the district to ensure that citizens receive clean and unadulterated food. This special campaign started on December 24, 2025 and will continue until January 10, 2026. Under this campaign, establishments such as hotels, restaurants, club houses, and resorts in the district will be thoroughly inspected. Along with

the inspections, meetings and workshops will be held for the owners of these establishments to impart guidance to them on safe food practices and various regulations. The Food & Drug Administration office has appealed to all food related businesses to take the necessary precautions to ensure that citizens receive safe, clean, and unadulterated food. Through this campaign, the administration will keep a close watch on the quality of food products being served to people, and strict action will be taken against those who violate rules and guidelines.

'Mann Ki Baat' rendition at end of the year providing new inspiration to activists: Yawalkar



Warud 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC): Prime Minister Narendra Modi's last 'Mann Ki Baat' radio programme of the year was broadcast live on Sunday (December 28) at the office of MLA Umesh alias Chandu Yawalkar.

activists, including Amravati District General Secretary Prof. Dr. Sumit Pawar, were present on the occasion. In the programme, the Prime Minister mentioned social initiatives, the contribution of youth and womenfolk, the journey of a self-reliant India, and positive initiatives,

appealing for unity for nation-building. During the live broadcast, those present listened carefully and gave an enthusiastic response.

MLA Yawalkar said that the Prime Minister's thoughts inspired social commitment, organisational discipline, and public outreach.

The activists expressed optimism that 'Mann Ki Baat' is not just a programme, but an effective platform for dialogue with common citizens.

Overall, the year-end Man Ki Baat programme concluded amid an inspiring atmosphere.

Ex minister Jagdish Gupta bids adieu to Shiv Sena (Shinde faction)

Amravati 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): Stating that a culture of demanding respect from activists has developed in all parties and commitments were not fulfilled, leading to a loss of faith in politics, former Minister of State Jagdish Gupta bid farewell to the Shiv Sena (Shinde faction). In a press conference organised on Tuesday morning, he announced that he had sent his resignation letter and documents specifying release from party membership to Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. Gupta said he had entered politics in the 1990s to break the 'VIP culture' and rose through the ranks with the help of party activists. But nowadays, the same culture is flourishing again.



Commitments are made on behalf of parties, but they change immediately. The commitments made for his supporters were not fulfilled. Reviewing his political journey, he said that once upon a time, no middleman was needed to reach out to our leaders; today, however, activists are not even allowed at the door of party top brass. That is why he has decided not

to join any party in the aftermath of resigning from the Shiv Sena Shinde faction. In today's brand of politics, an activist like him has no place, which is why he considers himself 'outdated'. Gupta clarified that he will not join any party in the near future. However, he said he would support activists who feel they have not been treated fairly, instill courage in them, and mentor them to contest elections independently. He will work to empower suitable candidates through the Janakalyan Sanghatana and expressed his determination to stick to his own position and stance rather than adopting the path of criticism.

Self-declaration of not being a contractor is mandatory

Amravati 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): The Election Commission has implemented strict rules for candidates in the upcoming Amravati Municipal Corporation elections, effectively barring contractors from contesting. Candidates and their family members are required to submit a self-declaration along with their application stating that they are not contractors for the Amravati Municipal Corporation. Additionally, it has been made mandatory to provide separate affidavits on all matters including unauthorised constructions, corruption, outstanding dues, number of children, and election related expenses.

Candidates with outstanding dues to the Municipal Corporation or

those who have had a third child born after September 12, 2001, will not be eligible to contest polls. Candidates will have to give an assurance that they will not resort to corrupt practices or accept contracts after being elected. The election department has clarified that the administration will have the right to take action from the point of view of disqualification even after the election if the information in the application is found to be incorrect.

Candidates who fail to submit an account of their expenses within 30 days of the election results will also be disqualified. All information, including caste verification, toilet usage certificate, and sample signature, must be attached along with the application.

Notorious thief from Nandurbar's 'Naidu Gang' arrested

Inter-state racket breaking car windows, indulging in thefts busted
4 Cases within jurisdiction of Amravati Police Commissionerate solved

Amravati 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): The Amravati Local City Crime Branch personnel have arrested one notorious thief from an inter-state racket that breaks into four-wheeler windows in the city and steals cash, valuables, belongings and laptops, solving a total of 4 cases within the jurisdiction of the city police commissionerate. On December 21, 2025, 4 to 5 consecutive incidents of four-wheeler windows being broken and thefts occurring within the jurisdiction of Rajapeth and City Kotwali Police Stations were reported. Cases were registered at the respective police stations. As the modus operandi of these cases was found to be similar and specific in preliminary investigation, it was suspected that these cases were committed by a specific gang. Accordingly, Local Crime Branch's Senior Police Inspector Sandip Chavan visited the crime scenes, gathered detailed information & evidence, and



directed a police team comprising Assistant Police Inspector Manish Wakode to solve the cases. The suspects have confessed to their role in committing 3 crimes under the jurisdiction of Rajapeth police station and one incident under the jurisdiction of City Kotwali police station.

The entire action was carried out under the guidance of Police Commissioner Rakesh Ola, Deputy Commissioner of Police Ramesh Dhumal, Ganesh Shinde, Shyam Ghuge, and Assistant

Commissioner of Police Shivaji Bachate, led by Senior Police Inspector Sandip Chavan, Assistant Police Inspector Manish Wakode, Police Constables Firoz Khan, Satish Deshmukh, Mangesh Lokhande, Prashant Mohod, Sayyed Nazim, Ranjit Gawande, and driver Prabhat Pokale. Based on CCTV footage from the local crime scenes and technical investigation, it was revealed that the notorious 'Naidu Gang' from Nandurbar district was involved in perpetrating the theft. During the investigation process, as

soon as a tip off was received that one of the suspects was roaming around in the Badnera railway station premises, officials and personnel from the Local Crime Branch team set a trap and arrested Kartik Valu Naidu (aged 27 years, resident of Wakipada, police station Karanji Khurd, Nandurbar). The suspect confessed to his role in breaking car windows and stealing cash and laptops in two such burglary incidents in Rajapeth and one incident under the jurisdiction of city Kotwali police station.

Maharashtra Rajya Apang Karmachari Sanghatana's calendar released

Amravati 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): The grand unveiling of the 2026 calendar by the Amravati district branch of the government-recognised Maharashtra Rajya Apang Karmachari Sanghatana, Mumbai-32, took place on December 28, in an enthusiastic atmosphere. The programme was guided by the association's State President Ravindra Lotan Patil and former State Secretary Parmeshwar Babar. The event was presided over by Block Education Officer Sandeep Bodke.

The responsibility for the organisation of the



programme was handled by District President Rajendra Dixit and Secretary Kishor Malokar. Praveen Khandekar, Ajit Patil, Vijaya Zade, Anil Dakhore, Mohan Jadhav, and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. In his introductory remarks, Malokar provided information

about the initiatives being implemented for disabled employees. The speakers praised the association's initiatives and expressed the opinion that the work done for the rights of disabled employees is indeed inspiring.

The programme's proceedings were carried out

by Vice President Shalini Borkhade, and the vote of thanks was given by Publicity Head Raju Dange. District and taluka level office bearers and members were present in large numbers on the occasion. The programme is perceived to have instilled new enthusiasm among the disabled employees.

Mera Yuva Bharat organises taluka-level sports competitions

Amravati 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC): Various sports competitions were held in Nandgaon Khandeshwar under the initiative of Mera Yuva Bharat and the Nandgaon Khandeshwar Jan Swarajya Bahuddeshiya Sanstha. Bhupendra Jewade, President of Jan Swarajya Bahuddeshiya Sanstha, Mohan Jadhav, Vice President of the Taluka Vakil Sangh and Sheetal Kale. In the competitions, which included Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, 100-metre boys' race, shotput, and 100-metre girls' race, the winning teams and individual players



were awarded first, second, and third position trophies and certificates on behalf of Mera Yuva Bharat Amravati and Youth Programs Department, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. These competitions were organised by Bhupendra Jewade under the guidance

of Snehal Basutkar, District Youth Officer of Mera Yuva Bharat. The office bearers and members of the Jan Swarajya Bahuddeshiya Sanstha took initiative for the successful organisation of the competition.

Aspirant faints during nomination form filling process in Akola

Akola 31 December: Revolt by party cadres denied tickets for the civic polls triggered violence and high-pitched protests across parts of Vidarbha on the last day of nominations. In Amravati, Shiv Sena (Shinde) workers clashed at a hotel where AB forms were being distributed after several aspirants found their preferred candidates left out. The situation escalated into a shouting and sloganeering, prompting senior leaders to intervene and restore order. Party functionaries maintained that the selection process was

transparent and based on multiple criteria. In Akola, tensions flared outside the residence of BJP election in-charge and former mayor Vijay Agrawal, where workers staged a protest over denial of tickets.

The agitation was led by BJP woman office-bearer Shakuntala Jadhav, who aspired to contest from an SC-reserved ward in the Akot Phail area.

The ward, however, was allotted to the Ajit Pawar-led NCP under the alliance's seat-sharing arrangement, triggering resentment among



local BJP cadres. Jadhav and her supporters confronted party leaders, alleging that loyal workers were being ignored to accommodate alliance partners.

The protest turned emotional when Jadhav reportedly collapsed after her health deteriorated, causing concern among workers present. Police were later deployed outside Agrawal's residence to prevent any untoward incident. Similar scenes played out outside the

residence of Dr Nitin Dhande, BJP's Amravati city president, from where AB forms were being distributed.

Large crowds of aspirants gathered, with celebrations by those who secured forms soon giving way to anger and despair among those denied tickets.

Several aspirants accused the leadership of bias and favouring newly inducted candidates over long-serving party workers. Party leaders countered the allegations, saying candidates were selected based on survey reports.

Atul Thakre awarded PhD degree

Chandur Railway 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC): Principal Atul Bhujangrao Thakre of Bapusaheb Deshmukh Shivaji High School and Junior College, run by the Shivaji Shikshan Sanstha, Amravati, has been awarded a doctoral (Ph.D.) degree according to a university notification. He has completed his research in the field of education under the guidance of Dr. Rajshree Meshram at Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek.

His research topic was based on a comparative study of the effectiveness of digital education and activity-based learning, and his work stood out due to his consistency, studious approach, and dedication to research.

Thakre, who is active in the educational, literary, and social fields, has received various honours from different organisations, including the State Teacher's Excellence Award.



Anand Melava held at Loknayak Bapuji Aney Vidyalaya



YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: A children's fun fair (Anand Melava) was organised for students of classes 5th to 10th at Loknayak Bapuji Aney Vidyalaya Yavatmal. This fun fair was held to make students aware of the concept of 'earn and learn' and to provide them with information about various businesses and transactions. In the fun fair,

approximately 175 students from classes five to ten set up stalls selling various food items. These included stalls selling Pani Puri, Bhel, Kachori, Vada Pav, Idli, Masala Fingers, Dahi Vada, Burger, Bread Pakora, Dahi Puri, Aloo Poha, and many other food items. The fun fair was inaugurated by the school's headmistress Mrs. Chhaya Pande, deputy headmaster Laxmikant

Kelapure, and supervisor Sachin Deshpande. Prizes were awarded to the students who conducted the best stalls. In this, the Dhurandhar stall of class 7B secured the first prize, the Sane Guruji Tasty Food stall of class 5B secured the second prize, and the Sairam Food stall of class 6A secured the third prize. Similarly, the Instagram Food stall of class

8A secured the first prize, the Shivshambhu stall of class 9D secured the second prize, and the Zabardast Tasty Corner of class 9B secured the third prize. All students from classes five to ten were present and enjoyed the fair. The stalls of classes 5 to 7 were judged by Pimpalkar, Tadse, and Bhagat, while the stalls of classes 8 to 10 were judged by Mira Nanne, Kalyani Deshpande, and Bhavana Pise. Headmistress Chhaya Pande contributed to the success of the fun fair. Under the guidance of Chhaya Pande, Deputy Headmaster Laxmikant Kelapure, and Supervisor Sachin Deshpande, the teachers in charge Geeta Nagbhidkar, Sumit Atkulwar, and Bhagyashree Pendse for classes 5 to 7, and Devidas Rathod, Prachiti Joshi, and Sandeep Patre for classes 8 to 10, put in their best efforts.

Congress foundation day celebrated at Kalamb



KALAMB / NAGPUR POST: On December 29, 2025, the foundation day of the Indian National Congress was celebrated at Nagar Panchayat Sanskritik Bhavan. Former School Education Minister Prof. Vasant Purke presided over the program. The main speaker, Prof. Pravin Deshmukh, a teacher at Shivshakti Vidyalaya and spokesperson for the Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Party, guided the audience on the topic of "The Congress's Contribution to Nation Building." Tushar Kale also spoke on the topic of "Enemies of Freedom." Senior Congress party workers Sudhakar Rao Barahate, Babasaheb Darne, Mehendi Seth Kothadiya, and Civic chief of Kalamb Nagar Panchayat Afroze Begum Farooq Ahmed Siddiqui, were present as chief guests. The programme was conducted by Tushar Kale. In the presidential address, Prof. Vasant Purke

guided the audience on the achievements and contributions of the Indian National Congress party to the country over the past seventy years. Pravin Hazare delivered the introductory remarks. Ashok Umratkar conducted the programme. Citizens from the Kalamb taluka Congress family, including Bazar Samiti Deputy Chairman Mahadevrao Kale, Maruti Surjuse, Mala Surjuse, Yogesh Dhande, Raju Chamate, Amar Chavardol, Prakash Umratkar, Anil Nawade, Gayatri Nilesh Nawade, Archana Pravin Hazare, Sangeeta Chamate, Asha Komati, Ujjwala Umratkar, Pranita Vivek Rajpolhe, Pragya Purke, Prof. Rustam Ambhore, Rahul Sonale, Sachin Darne, Gajanan Raut, Pawan Jadhav, Pankaj Gawande, Narendra Mankar, Anil Kale, Shyam Kewate, Devendra Omkar, Ashok Mangam, and activists were present.

Arifkhan Pathan passes away



KALAMB / NAGPUR POST: Arif Khan Majid Khan Pathan, a farmer residing in the Matha area passed away tragically on

December 29, 2025. He suffered a severe heart attack while working in his field. He was rushed to the hospital, but doctors declared him dead. The deceased was a farmer and also operated a flour mill as a secondary occupation. The news of his untimely death has caused deep sorrow in the Matha area. He was 55 years old at the time of his death. His funeral was held on December 30th at the cemetery amidst a sorrowful atmosphere. He is survived by his wife, one son, one daughter, and a daughter-in-law.

Kanchan Gadkari visits traditional indigenous seed bank at Prabodhini



YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST: Kanchan Gadkari, the Vidarbha regional president of Sanskar Bharati, recently visited the traditional indigenous seed bank created by Deendayal Prabodhini Sanstha located in Nilona. Poison-free, nutritious food grains and vegetables are considered a necessity

today. The middle class and upper-middle class in the city are now rapidly turning towards such readily available vegetables and food grains, but organically grown grains and vegetables are not easily available. Farmers have to put in a lot of effort for this. Seeds are not readily available. In such a

situation, Deendayal Prabodhini has adopted the old method of obtaining and storing traditional indigenous seeds. Kanchan Gadkari recently visited this seed bank and understood the availability of seeds and the storage method. This seed bank of Deendayal stores 67 types of seeds. These mainly

include pulses, cereals, vine and fruit vegetables, and leafy vegetables. Unique varieties of hyacinth beans like Chaudhara and Kauri, as well as unique varieties like Shendurbeej and Ghushidodke are available here. In wheat, seeds of Bansli, Kali Kusali, and Khapli wheat are available. Black and white sesame seeds are commonly available everywhere. Red sesame seeds are also available here. Numerous such rare types of seeds and the crops and products obtained from them are extremely beneficial for

health. Regarding this seed storage method, project co-coordinator Sharad Mahure explained that these seeds are stored in earthen pots with cow dung and cow urine. This method preserves the germination capacity of the seeds for up to 3 years and keeps them safe for up to 7 years. Nearly 10,000 farmers are connected to Deendayal's sustainable agricultural development project. The organization focuses on providing these farmers, as well as 9500 women involved in the kitchen garden project, with

this type of seed. Traditional seeds are also obtained from the farmers and women participating in this project. Deendayal undertakes the tasks of collecting, preserving, and distributing these seeds to those who need them. During Kanchan Gadkari's visit to the seed bank, Vice President Jyoti Chavan, Secretary Vijay Kadre, Joint Secretary Vivek Kavthekar, Directors Neelima Mantri and Dr. Kavita Karoddev, Pallavi Bhalavi and Babita Kevde from the kitchen garden project, and Vishal Dhankasar were present.

Medical Service Society Nagpur expresses deep condolences to renowned neurosurgeon Dr. Chandrashekhar Pakhmode



Nagpur 31 December: Renowned neurosurgeon of Nagpur, Dr. Chandrashekhar Pakhmode, passed away tragically at 8 a.m. due to a heart attack. His death has cast a pall of gloom over the medical world and also spread grief within the Muslim community. In a joint

press release, Medical Service Society Nagpur President Dr. Kashfudduja Khan, Vice President Dr. Naeem Niazi, and Secretary Dr. Mubin Shaikh stated, "This is a profound shock for all of us. We express our deepest condolences. With his passing, the city has lost a knowledgeable and compassionate doctor." The Medical Service Society Nagpur expressed their condolences for his selfless service to all patients. The MSS prayed for God's forgiveness for his loss. All members of the Medical Service Society Nagpur express their condolences and sympathies to his



bereaved family and the community in this hour of grief. May God grant the bereaved family and the community patience and peace. This information was given by Dr. M.A. Rasheed, media in-charge of Medical Service Society Nagpur.

SaveLIFE Foundation and Parle Biscuits Pvt. Ltd. hand over critical surgical equipment to Rural Hospitals in Nagpur

Nagpur 31 December: In a major step towards strengthening emergency medical care and trauma care services along high-risk corridors with a history of fatal road crashes, SaveLIFE Foundation, in a CSR partnership with Parle Biscuits Pvt. Ltd., with support from the Public Health Department, Government of Maharashtra, handed over critical surgical equipment at Umred Rural Hospital and Trauma Care Unit, located on NH-353D (Umred-Bhiwarpur Road), and Deolapur Rural Hospital, located on NH-44 (Nagpur-Deolapur Road), in Nagpur Rural district. Dr. Prabhakar Wanjari, Medical Superintendent, Umred Rural Hospital, and Dr. Sanjay Meshram, Medical Superintendent, Deolapur Rural Hospital, attended the respective events, along with representatives of SaveLIFE Foundation. Speaking during the event, Dr. Prabhakar Wanjari, Medical Superintendent, Umred Rural Hospital, said, "As timely intervention is crucial in road crash injuries, the addition of this surgical equipment will significantly enhance Umred Rural Hospital's ability to respond to emergency trauma cases." Dr. Sanjay Meshram, Medical Superintendent, Deolapur Rural Hospital, highlighted, "This support strengthens our hospital's emergency preparedness and will directly benefit patients injured in road crashes on NH-44. We appreciate the efforts of SaveLIFE Foundation and Parle Biscuits Pvt. Ltd. in reinforcing trauma care services at the rural level. NH-353D and NH-44 are known for high traffic movement and increased vulnerability to serious road crashes. Between January-November 2025, NH-44 registered a 104% year-on-year increase in rural crash fatalities, from 24 in 2024 to 49 in 2025. Meanwhile, NH-353D

registered a 10% year-on-year decline, from 30 fatalities in 2024 to 27 in 2025. Overall, high-fatality corridors in Nagpur Rural registered a 7.3% year-on-year increase in road crash fatalities, from 233 between January-November 2024 to 250 during the same period this year. By equipping rural hospitals with essential surgical and emergency care equipment, the initiative seeks to improve trauma care readiness and reduce preventable deaths and serious injuries caused by road crashes. Supported by Parle Biscuits Pvt. Ltd. under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts, the Zero Fatality Corridor Programme focuses on transforming high-risk highways into safer corridors through advanced crash data analysis, community engagement, improved trauma care, and capacity building. The initiative of providing critical surgical equipment to Umred Rural Hospital and Deolapur Rural Hospital will ensure trauma care readiness and timely treatment of road crash victims. This intervention under the Zero Fatality Corridor Programme is a step towards reducing preventable casualties and building a more responsive emergency care system. Speaking about the intervention, Dr. Eilia Jafar, Chief of Programs, SaveLIFE Foundation, said, "Unavailability of specialised trauma care facilities closer to crash sites is a major cause of road crash fatalities. By strengthening the readiness of Umred Rural Hospital and Deolapur Rural Hospital for delivering robust emergency medical care and trauma care, we are confident of recording improved survival outcomes." SaveLIFE Foundation continues to work at the forefront of road safety and trauma care by leveraging data-driven evidence aimed at achieving the goal of zero fatalities on India's highways.

Banned nylon manja seized in Wathoda; one arrested, another wanted absconding

Nagpur 31 December: In a major action against the sale of banned kite-flying material, Crime Branch Unit No. 4 of Nagpur Police seized prohibited nylon manja worth Rs 61,500 during a raid conducted in the Wathoda police station limits. Acting on specific information, Crime Branch officials were patrolling the area between 5.50 pm and 6.50 pm on December 29, 2025, when they conducted a search at a residence located at Jaiswal Estate, East Point area, near ITI College. During the raid, police recovered 30 bundles of banned nylon



manja branded as 'Mono Kite' from the possession of Adarsh Pawan Jaiswal (21), a resident of Plot No. 21. Along with the nylon manja, a mobile phone was also seized, taking the total value of confiscated items to

Rs 61,500. During interrogation, the accused revealed that the banned material was procured from another youth, Rohit (21), whose mobile number has been traced. A search is currently underway to nab

the absconding accused. An offence has been registered at Wathoda Police Station under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita along with Sections 5 and 15 of the Environment Protection Act, 1986. The accused has been handed over to Wathoda police for further action. The operation was carried out under the guidance of Additional Commissioner of Police (Crime) Vasant Pardeshi, DCP (Detection) Rahul Maknikar, and ACP (Crime) Abhijeet Patil.

E-commerce hub theft: Wadi police book Flipkart employee for Rs 3.32 lakh fraud

Nagpur 31 December: Wadi Police have registered a case against an employee of an e-commerce logistics hub for allegedly stealing company shipment items worth over Rs 3.32 lakh. The complainant, Prakash Ratilal Shah (65), a resident of Pune and an enforcement officer with Instacart assigned at Flipkart, stated that the theft occurred at the company's hub located on Katol Bypass Road, Wadi. According to the complaint, the accused, Deep Rupchand Gadge, employed as a sorter at the Wadi hub, allegedly stole multiple shipment items between July 5, 2025, and



November 8, 2025. The stolen goods, valued at Rs 3,32,838, were misappropriated for personal financial gain, amounting to a breach of trust. Based on the complaint, Wadi Police registered an offence under Section 306 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Further investigation is in progress.

Fruit vendor threatened for extortion in Dahi Bazaar, Accused arrested

Nagpur 31 December: Shantinagar Police arrested a 30-year-old man for allegedly demanding extortion money and threatening a fruit vendor in the Dahi Bazaar area of the city. The incident took place around 2 pm on December 29, 2025, at Dalapura Chowk, Dahi Bazaar. The complainant, Mohammad Jamil Mohammad Zakir Bagwan (42), a resident of Itwari, was present at his fruit stall when the accused, Mohammad Usman Mohammad Sabir Sheikh, approached him and demanded money. When the vendor refused, the accused allegedly attempted to forcibly



remove cash from the stall's drawer and threatened him, saying he would not be allowed to run the stall unless extortion money was paid. Based on the complaint, Shantinagar Police registered a case under Sections 308(3) and 309(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The accused was traced and arrested promptly. Further investigation is underway.

False allegations against Ghonsa WCL Sub Area Manager

WANI/NAGPUR POST: An explosion took place at the Ghonsa coal mine in the taluka on the evening of December 23st. A woman was injured during this incident. However, the WCL administration claimed in a press release that the woman was not hit by a stone that flew out after the explosion. Sub Area Manager Himanshu Das clarified in the press release that some people were providing false information to the media to defame WCL. The press release stated that WCL had instructed the farm laborers to leave the fields before the explosion, and that farmers in the surrounding areas were also informed before the blast. On the day of the incident,

farmers and farm laborers in the surrounding fields were given such a notice. Also, the explosion in the mine was carried out an hour and a half later than scheduled that day. The explosions carried out at the Ghonsa coal mine are done according to the rules. It was alleged that the woman working in the field was injured by a stone that flew out after the explosion, but after an inquiry conducted by WCL officials, it was stated in the press release that the woman was not standing in the dangerous area within a 500-meter radius. On the day of the incident, the explosion was carried out at the WCL Ghonsa coal mine after 4:45 PM. However, the press release stated that the

injured woman and the people with her had instructed an ambulance from a private hospital in Wani to come to the spot between 3 and 4 PM. Sub Area Manager Himanshu Das claimed to have a recording related to this. Furthermore, Sub Area Manager Himanshu Das has sent a written letter to the newspaper representatives in the district, stating that a journalist is blackmailing them by demanding a bribe of 25,000 rupees. Time will tell what the truth is in these two incidents that have surfaced simultaneously. However, this incident has brought the conflict between the WCL administration and the local citizens to the forefront once again.

MCOCA hammer falls on cattle smuggling mafia, Nagpur Rural Police bust 12-member gang

Nagpur 31 December: In a decisive crackdown on organised animal cruelty and interstate crime, the Nagpur Rural Police have invoked the draconian MCOCA, 1999, against a 12-member cattle smuggling gang operating across Maharashtra and neighbouring states. Seven accused, including the alleged kingpin, have been arrested, while efforts are on to nab the remaining five. Police said this is the first recorded instance in Maharashtra where MCOCA has been slapped on a cattle smuggling syndicate, a clear signal that the State will no longer treat such rackets as routine offences under animal protection laws. The action follows repeated violations of the Maharashtra Animal Preservation Act and other statutes, despite the cow slaughter ban being firmly in place since 1976 and strengthened further in 2015. The move came after a horrific incident on November 15, when a truck illegally transporting 37 cattle caught fire on the Nagpur-Katol road near Fetri village under Kalmeshwar police station limits. The fire, triggered by a tyre burst and intense friction, turned the vehicle into a death trap. As many as 29 cattle were burnt alive, their suffering compounded by the fact that they

were tightly tied with ropes and beaten. Eight animals survived and were rescued, later being shifted to a cowshed in Raulgaon. The driver abandoned the blazing truck and fled, exposing nearby villages and motorists to grave danger. A high-level investigation led by Superintendent of Police (Rural) Harsh A Poddar and Additional SP Anil Mhaske, unearthed what officers described as a well-oiled, inter-state organised crime network dealing in illegal cattle transport for slaughter. According to police, the syndicate was headed by Mohammad Nasir Mohammad Shafi Qureshi (40) of Mahendra Nagar, Teka Naka, North Nagpur, who owned heavy trucks used for the operation. Cattle were sourced from Chhattisgarh, concealed in forested pockets such as Pangaon village in Salekasa taluka of Bhandara district, and then ferried in smaller vehicles to isolated locations near Nagpur. From there, the animals were brutally crammed into large trucks and moved towards Amravati and further destinations for slaughter. Investigators revealed that the gang employed scout vehicles to dodge police checkpoints, operated mainly at night, and used deceptive tactics, including

ambulances and pick-up vans, to avoid suspicion. Among the key accused are driver Syed Sultan alias Sonu Hamid Ali (33), loaders Aamir Rauf Qureshi (29) and Rafiq Qureshi (32), suppliers Shohab Naushad Syed (26) and Manohar Bhosraj Mangate (26), and Ikhtiyar Qureshi Shujaat Qureshi (33), besides others. The criminal history of the gang spans multiple districts, with cases registered in Nagpur Rural, Kamptee, Mauda, Teosa, Navegaon, Gondia, Bhandara and Wardha, as well as in Madhya Pradesh's Seoni, Chand and Lodhikheda. Despite repeated prosecutions under the Maharashtra Animal Preservation Act, the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and the Motor Vehicles Act, the syndicate continued its operations unabated, defying the legal criteria of "continuing unlawful activity" under MCOCA. By invoking MCOCA, police have secured provisions for longer custodial interrogation, stringent bail norms and enhanced punishment, significantly tightening the noose around the accused. The move was taken following directions from Inspector General of Police, Nagpur Range, Sandip Patil, a senior officer confirmed.

Amravati, Thursday 1 January 2026

AMC polls: 765 Candidates file nomination papers for 87 seats

NCP Ajit Pawar faction to contest elections single handedly



Amravati 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): The long-awaited date for the Amravati Municipal Corporation general election has finally arrived. The nomination process for 87 seats in 22 wards of the city, which began on Tuesday (December 23), concluded on Tuesday (December 30) at 2 pm. A total of 765 candidates from various parties and independent candidates have submitted nomination papers before the Amravati Municipal Corporation administration.

The final number of candidates will become clear after scrutiny on Wednesday (December 31).

The last date for withdrawal of nominations is

January 2, and after symbol allocation on January 3, the campaign war will begin.

NCP (Ajit Pawar Faction) to field candidates for all 87 seats

In this election, the strategy of the Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit Pawar faction) is being discussed to the greatest extent. By fielding candidates for all 87 seats, under the leadership of MLC Sanjay Khodke, the party has announced the policy of going solo in the polls.

The party says this confidence is based on organisational strength, without an alliance with any other party. However, how much this confidence lasts in the ballot box will only be clear

at the time of declaration of results.

Other parties also in the fray

Additionally, Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi is fielding 55 to 60 candidates, Yuva Swabhimani Party 41, NCP (Sharad Pawar) faction 25, BSP 32, AIMIM 24, and Aam Aadmi Party 9 candidates. A large number of independent candidates have also been noted. As soon as the next stages of nomination, scrutiny, withdrawal, and symbol allocation are completed, the real political dust will fly around in Amravati, and the political atmosphere in the city is heating up.

The state's attention is focused on whose strategy the public prefers the most in

the coming days.

BJP-Shinde faction alliance breaks down

The political equations in the city have changed to a significant extent due to the breakdown of the alliance between the BJP and the Shinde faction of Shiv Sena. As soon as the alliance broke, the Shinde faction of Shiv Sena took an aggressive stance by announcing 71 candidates within a few hours. By fielding candidates in almost all wards, they have announced their intention to go solo in the elections.

On the other hand, the BJP has fielded 69 candidates and appears to be adopting a relatively cautious strategy. Since BJP does not have robust presence in

Party wise-wise candidates

NCP (Ajit Pawar faction): 87
Shinde faction: 71
Congress 75
BJP: 69
Vanchit va Sanyukt Manch: 55
Shiv Sena (UBT): 45
Yuva Swabhimani Party: 41
BSP: 32
NCP (Sharad Pawar faction): 25
AIMIM: 24
Aam Aadmi Party: 9

some wards, their approach is being perceived to be on a wait and watch basis.

Maha Vikas Aghadi coalition's constituent parties' 75 candidates nominated

NCP (Sharad Pawar faction) and Shiv Sena (UBT faction) have fielded 75 candidates together. According to the 12-point formula, Congress got 75, Shiv Sena got 40 seats.

The coalition is trying to field candidates in all wards, but some seats remain vacant, so it has been decided to give candidatures to more candidates in the remaining wards.

Burglar nabbed, accomplice absconding

Amravati 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): In the city, the local crime branch police personnel arrested a suspect who was committing house burglaries and temple thefts from the Gandhi square premises. The accused has confessed to his involvement in committing thefts under the jurisdiction of Badnera and Kholapuri Gate police stations. The name of the arrested suspect is Gopal Mohan Yuvanate (aged 42 years, resident of Pandharghati, Warud). While parallel investigation was going on under the jurisdiction of Kholapuri Gate police station on December 29, the

Two theft cases solved



Amravati Rural Local Crime Branch received a tip off that the suspect in the case was moving around in the Gandhi square premises with the intention of committing similar crimes. According to this tip off, the police personnel took Gopal Yuvanate into custody from the Gandhi square area.

During interrogation, he confessed that he, along with his accomplice Ramchandra Yuvanate, had committed thefts in temples within the jurisdiction of Kholapuri Gate and Badnera police stations in the city. The search for his absconding accomplice is underway, and further action is being carried out by taking the main accused into custody. This action was taken by Gajanan Sonune, Deepak Sundarkar, Sachin Bahale, Zahir Shaikh, Atul Samal, Suraj Chavan, Rajik Raiilwale and Nikhil Gedam under the leadership of Local Crime Branch Police Inspector Sandeep Chavan.

Alumni Reunion of students held



BABHULGAON /

NAGPUR POST: An alumni reunion was organised by the former students of the 1998-99 batch of Class 10 at the old Pratap Vidyalaya premises. Telsidar Meera Pagore was the chief guest. The programme was presided over by Dixit. Former headmaster Sheikh, Dhole, Bochar, Meshram, Nikam, Patne, Dandare, Pandit, Kohchade, Rathod, Bhitkar, Magal, English Medium School director Burewar, Bhonde, Rohane, and Shende Mama were felicitated with shawls and coconuts. The programme was conducted by Shrikant Nival, and the welcome address was given by Manisha Shelke. The introduction was given by Nitin Ingole, and the vote of thanks was given by Sunita Gujar. Manoj Ghatge, Pravin Navrang, Ranjit Tated, Sanjay Magale, Mahesh Chaukhade, Shrikant Nival, Satish Raut, Nilesh Datakar, Vishal Late, Atul Ghangare, Hasan Bhai, Deepak Gaurkar, Shridhar Budhye, and Pradip Nandurkar worked hard to make this program a success.

Question mark being raised over distribution of awards!

Trend of insulting merit should be stopped, anger among citizens

Warud 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC): Currently, anger is surging in the taluka regarding the distribution of awards, and unrest is growing in the minds of the people. There is widespread discussion coming to the fore that some selected individuals are receiving prestigious awards despite not having made any significant contributions in various fields. Citizens are directly questioning, 'What kind of service has been rendered by them and what kind of honour is this?'. The general public believes that awards represent due recognition of moral merit, sacrifice, honesty, and service rendered to the society. However, it is being alleged that the way awards are currently being distributed in the taluka shows a gross



disregard for these values. Some individuals are perceived to be competing to receive awards in fields with which they have no connection; while genuine social workers, teachers, athletes, and activists who put in real effort are not receiving due recognition and continue to remain neglected, a grievance expressed by the citizens. The feeling of

discontent is growing among the common people that honours are being given based on connections, recommendations, political support, and publicity, and the quality of such honours is being described as a mere 'market for awards'. The public's sentiment is that the credibility of these honours and awards is at risk due to the lack of criteria, verification, and transparency in this concern. Expressing the opinion that 'true merit is silent and hollow honours are making noise,' citizens have demanded that the institutions and committees giving away these awards immediately conduct introspection and soul searching. Otherwise, the trust of society will be eroded, wise citizens have warned in this concern.

Man entices & abducts minor girl



Amravati 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): A complaint regarding enticing of and abducting a minor girl has been filed at Chandur Bazar police station.

The suspect has been identified as Suraj Chavan (a resident of Jamnya, Madhya Pradesh). The local police officials have registered a case against Suraj.

He abducted the girl on Friday evening.

Efforts to track down the girl and nab the suspect are underway.

Announcement of increased housing grant remains merely on paper! Free solar panels also denied, beneficiaries disgruntled

Paratwada 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC): The government's announcement in March 2024 regarding an increase in the housing grant under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana and additional funds for free solar energy facilities is still stuck on paper. Although a decision was made to provide an increased grant of Rs. 35 thousand for housing and Rs. 15 thousand for free solar panels, totaling Rs. 50 thousand; the lack of actual implementation has led to extreme dissatisfaction among the beneficiaries.

It is being perceived everywhere that the government is merely making empty promises and misleading the beneficiaries.



With the objective that no family in the state should remain without a permanent house, the central and state governments are implementing various housing schemes. Currently, beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana receive a grant of Rs. 1.20 lakh. However, due to inflation, increased construction costs, and labour charges, this grant is insufficient, so the government had decided to increase its amount.

If the enhanced grant amount were implemented,

beneficiaries would receive Rs. 1.70 lakh. But since not a single rupee has been received in reality, there is speculation that this announcement has proven to be deceptive. The Yuva Shakti Gram Vikas Sanghatana has followed up with the government several times through written memoranda.

However, no clear order or response has been received as yet. While thousands of families across the district have been sanctioned accommodation, very few houses have been completed. While direct grants were received through the old system, beneficiaries' installments disbursement processes are stalled due to technical difficulties in the newly

launched 'Spash' system. The confusion has further increased as there are no regulations regarding whether the responsibility for installing solar panels lies with MSEDCL, the Gram Panchayat, or the Zilla Parishad, or the government. The delay in receiving subsequent installments after the first one, and the responses from offices stating that no instructions have been received, have led to widespread disappointment among the concerned beneficiaries. Everyone is now watching to see whether the decisions taken by the government will remain mere announcements on paper or will they be actually implemented in a robust manner at the ground level.

107 Infant & 4 maternal deaths reported in last 8 months

Churni 31 December (NAGPUR POST/MAROTI PATANKAR): Shocking information has come to the fore that between April 1 and November 30, 107 infants and 4 mothers have died during childbirth in the two talukas of Dharni and Chikhaldara. For many years, the rate of infant and maternal deaths in Melghat has been at an alarming level, and locals are criticising that the expected results of the government's multi-crore rupee worth schemes to ameliorate the people's sufferings are not visible.



The state and central governments sanction large amounts of funds for health improvement, mother-infant nutrition, malnutrition eradication, and expansion of health facilities in Melghat. Despite having state of the art healthcare facilities such

Shocking reality of Melghat comes to the fore

Fundamental problems in Melghat

- * Amid lack of employment, the number of migrating tribal families has increased
- * 22 Villages, including Chalisgaon, still do not have electricity
- * Road networks and transportation system is in a pathetic condition
- * Shortage of safe drinking water

as 11 primary health centres, two rural hospitals, one sub-district hospital, and many sub-centres, infant deaths due to malnutrition continue unabated.

This has raised questions about the functioning of the health department. Due to poverty, lack of employment, low educational levels, lack of clean water, and difficulties encountered in transportation, citizens are not receiving adequate benefits from healthcare

services.

As a result, many tribal families in Melghat are still forced to migrate.

'When will the infant and maternal mortality spree in Melghat be stalled?' This question has been raised by members of the tribal community. A demand that the government should not only announce schemes but also implement them effectively is being put forth.

The standard of living will improve only if state of the art facilities are made available to citizens in a widespread manner, citizens say.

First ever corporator elected from Sudarshan community in Chandur Railway's history

Advocate Kirti Rahul Imle's victory celebrated

Chandur Railway 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC): For the first time in the political history of Chandur Railway town, a historic record has been achieved with the election of a corporator from the Sudarshan community. Advocate Kirti Rahul Imle, the candidate from the Sudarshan community, has achieved a resounding victory, raising the community's prestige. This victory has created an atmosphere of enthusiasm in the community, and this moment has become a matter of pride for the Sudarshan community. On December 24, a grand reception ceremony was organised in



her honour. At 6 PM, a large number of community members gathered and took out a celebratory procession amid the sound of drums and fireworks, firecrackers and fireworks.

As the procession reached the residence of the Imle couple, Advocate Kirti Imle and Rahul Imle were felicitated with shawls, coconuts, and garlands. Sweets were distributed in order to express joy. The community members present

celebrated the occasion with enthusiastic dancing. On the occasion, newly elected corporators from their circle of friends, Mohammad Anis Sheikh Gaffar and Priyanka Satpal Gaurhe, were also honoured. The attendees expressed optimism that it is a matter of pride for the community that the Sudarshan community now has a capable and competent people's representative to raise their voice for their issues, rights, and interests.

MPSC combined preliminary examination to be held on January 4

Over 12 thousand candidates to appear for examination

Amravati 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): The Maharashtra Group-B (Non-Gazetted) Services Combined Preliminary Examination-2025, organised on behalf of the Maharashtra Public Service Commission, will be held on Sunday, January 4, 2026. The MPSC administration has made preparations for the organisation of this examination.

The examination will be held on Sunday, January 4, 2026, in a single session from 11 am to 12 pm. A total of 41 examination sub-centres have been arranged in



Amravati city for the examination. A total of 12,864 candidates will be appearing for the examination.

In order to ensure the smooth conduct of the examination, a total of 1,250 officers and employees have been appointed. The administration has completed the planning for the examination, and candidates are urged to be present in the nick of time.

Admissions for Cooperative Management Diploma course underway

Amravati 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): Admissions have begun for the Cooperative Management Diploma course at the Bhausaheb Bhokare Cooperative Training Centre in Amravati, for the period from January 1 to June 31, 2026. Admissions will be granted between January 1 and January 30, 2026. The Cooperative Department has made the Cooperative Management Diploma course mandatory for employees working in cooperative societies. Therefore, in order to enable employees of cooperative societies in the state to complete this course through distance learning while managing their works, and in order to provide employment opportunities in various cooperative institutions in the cooperative sector to educated unemployed youth in the state, the Maharashtra Rajya Sahakari Sanghatana has started this course through a virtual method at 13 cooperative training centres. For admissions, one can contact the Principal, Bhausaheb Bhokare Cooperative Training Centre, Amravati, appealed Bhausaheb Bhokare of the Cooperative Training Centre.

Zikra Aiman Yunus Shah bags second spot in inter-school debate competition

Anjangaon Surji 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC): Zikra Aiman Yunus Shah, a student of Dnyanpeeth English School, achieved remarkable success by securing the second place in the inter-school debate competition organised on behalf of Shrimati Krishnabai Sarda English School. Her performance was special among a total of 24 participants from various schools in Anjangaon Surji, Paratwada, Akot, and Daryapur.



This year's debate topic was 'Is Artificial Intelligence a Threat to the Point of view of Human Jobs?'. On this topic, Zikra impressed the judges and the audience with her in-depth study &

analysis, structured presentation, and effective public speaking skills. She was awarded the second position which speaks volumes of her confident presentation and oratory skills. The institution's chairperson Shankarrao Gawande, Principal Manoj Muskar, teachers, and parents congratulated Zikra on this success and extended best wishes to her for her future endeavours. This achievement has further enhanced the reputation of Dnyanpeeth English School by leaps and bounds.

Cops seize illegal sand stock

AGPUR POST/DC): Local Crime Branch personnel caught illegal sand stock being transported at the intersection of Pusla to Lihida road stretch under the jurisdiction of Shirakhed Police Station in Morshi taluka.

A case has been registered against the driver Kamlesh Kakde and vehicle owner Kiran Neware (both residents of Naya Wathoda). Further investigation is being conducted by personnel and officials from Morshi Police Station.

List of Mahayuti candidate announced for NMC polls; 143 BJP, 8 Shiv Sena nominees finalised

Nagpur 31 December: City BJP president Dayashankar Tiwari on Tuesday announced the official list of Mahayuti candidates for the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) elections 2025. The list includes 143 candidates from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and eight candidates from the Shiv Sena, indicating that the ruling alliance has almost completed its seat allocation in the city. With the announcement, nomination filing gathered momentum across Nagpur, as candidates from various wards began submitting their papers. The Mahayuti has fielded candidates across all reserved categories, including SC, ST, OBC and women candidates, reflecting a carefully balanced electoral strategy. Below is the ward-wise list of candidates, arranged systematically.

BJP Candidates List (Ward-wise)

Ward 1 – Jaripatka / Nara/Ashok Nagar
Seat Reservation
Candidate
1-A SC Mahendra Chanvijay
1-B OBC – Woman Sushma Chaudhary
1-C Open – Woman Pramila Pritam Matharani
1-D Open – Nari Ghanshyam Kukreja

Ward 2 – Nari / Uppalwadi/KamgarNagar /Kapil Nagar
Seat Reservation
Candidate
2-A SC – Woman Dr Sarita Milind Mane
2-B OBC Aniket Gyaneshwar Yerkhede
2-C Open – Woman Neha Rakesh Nikose
2-D Open Pankaj Yadav

Ward 3 – Yashodharanagar / Vitabhatti / Sangharsh Nagar
Seat Reservation
Candidate
3-A SC Kiran Manpiya
3-B ST Gopichand Kumre
3-D Open – Woman Bhagyashree Kanatode

Ward 4 – Kalamna / Bharat Nagar / Juna Kamptee Road
Seat Reservation
Candidate
4-A SC – Woman Niranjana Patil
4-B OBC Sheshrao Gotmare
4-C Open – Woman Manisha Atkare
4-D Open Ramdas Shahu

Ward 5 – Binaki Mangalwari/Kawarapeth/ Shantinagar
Seat Reservation
Candidate
5-A SC – Woman Laxmi Chandrabhushan Hattithele
5-B OBC – Woman Abhiruchi Rajgire
5-D Open Sanjay Arun Chavre

Ward 6 – Mahendra Nagar / Teka / Siddharth Nagar
Seat Reservation
Candidate
6-A SC – Woman Mohini Bhushan Ramteke
6-B OBC Bholanath Sahare
6-C Open – Woman Ashwini Chandrakant Sadavarte
6-D Open Raju Babra

Ward 7 – Lashkaribagh /Ashok Nagar/Pachpaoli
Seat Reservation
Candidate
7-A SC – Woman Rakhi Manwatkar
7-B OBC Omprakash Ingale
7-D Open Navneetsingh Tuli

Ward 8 – Mominpura / Golibar Chowk/Timki

GRE Renew Enertech Limited Secures In-Principle Approval from BSE SME for Proposed IPO

Nagpur 31 December: GRE Renew Enertech Limited ("GRE") today announced that it has received an in-principle approval from BSE for its proposed initial public offering (IPO). GRE had filed the necessary documents with BSE in September 2025 to initiate its SME IPO on the BSE SME platform. As disclosed in the DRHP, the company proposes to issue up to 37,68,000 equity shares of face value of Rs 10 in the IPO. The Company is currently in the process of filing the Red Herring Prospectus (RHP) with updated information in connection with its proposed initial public offering and listing, subject to regulatory approvals.

18-B Open – Woman Sarika Nandurkar
18-C Open – Woman Vaishali Vikas Upadachin
18-D Open Sachin Naik

Ward 19 – Gandhibagh /Hansapuri/Bajeria
(Details awaited / not declared)

Ward 20 – Tandapeth / Maskasath/Itwari
Seat Reservation
Candidate
20-A SC Tushar Larokar

20-B ST – Woman Sweety Kishor Bhisikar
20-C OBC – Woman Rekha Nimje
20-D Open Hemant Barde

Ward 21 – Premnagar /Nehrurpura/ Shantinagar
Seat Reservation
Candidate

21-A ST – Woman Chetna Gulshan Nimje
21-B OBC Santosh Krushnarao Ambulkar
21-C Open – Woman Nisha Bhoyar
21-D Open Sanjay Ramchandra Avchat

Ward 22 – Aggarmandir / Juna Mangalwari
Seat Reservation
Candidate

22-A ST Kalpak Bhanarkar
22-B OBC – Woman Uma Hukumchand Deshmukh

22-C Open – Woman Kalpana Vikram Sharma
22-D Open Shrikant Aglave/Subodh Acharya

Ward 23 – Vardhaman Nagar/KDK College Area
(Candidate list awaited)

Ward 24 – Deputy Signal/Chikhli/HB Town
Seat Reservation
Candidate

24-B OBC Pradeep Pohane
24-C Open – Woman Sarita Kavre
24-D Open Arun Harode

Ward 25 – Pardi / Bhandewadi / Shyam Nagar
Seat Reservation
Candidate

25-A SC – Woman Sheetal Vijay Rarokar
25-B OBC Rajeshwar Shripad Diwate
25-C Open – Woman Maheshwari Devendra Bisen
25-D Open Deepak Wadibhasme

Ward 26 – Wathoda / Chandmari / Shrikrishna Nagar
Seat Reservation
Candidate

26-A SC Dharmapal Meshram
26-B OBC – Woman Seema Dhomne
26-C Open – Woman Sharda Suresh Barai
26-D Open Bunty Kukde

Ward 27 – Nandanvan /Nehrurpura/Hasanbagh
Seat Reservation
Candidate

27-A OBC Vijay Shankarrao Jhalke
Ward 28 – Ramanamaroti Nagar / Dighori
Seat Reservation
Candidate

28-A OBC Nanda Yevle
28-B Open – Woman Neeta Thackeray
28-C Open – Woman Kiran Chaitram Datir

28-D Open —
Ward 29 – Mhalginagar /Hudkeshwar
Seat Reservation
Candidate

29-A SC – Woman Leela Ajay Hathibed
29-B ST Yogesh Marotrao Madavi
29-C OBC – Woman Jyoti Arvind Devghare

29-D Open Ajay Bodhare
Ward 30 – Bidpeth / Santoshimata Nagar
Seat Reservation

Nagpur 31 December: The Shri Sammed Shikharji Teerthiyatra Sangh will begin its annual pilgrimage to Sammed Shikharji on January 3, 2026. This year's yatra is special as it marks the Silver Jubilee of the pilgrimage, which will be led by Dilip Shantilal Jain. The 'Panch Teerth'yatra will cover Gunawa, Kundalpur, Pawapuri and Rajgir. Around 200 devotees from Nagpur will take part, including several who are being financially supported by patrons Mamta Dilip Jain and Shreya Naman Jain. The programme includes a 27-km trek at Sammed Shikharji, spiritual discourses by Vidhanacharyas and a bhajan competition. The pilgrims will also visit Pawapuri, the Nirvana Bhoomi of Lord Mahavira, before returning to Nagpur on January 8.

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Prolonged cold spell makes December one of Nagpur's chilliest in years

Nagpur 31 December: December has delivered an unusually harsh winter for Nagpur and the wider Vidarbha region, with temperatures remaining below 10°C for nearly half the month. Nagpur emerged as the coldest in Vidarbha, recording a minimum of 8.6°C on Tuesday, one of the lowest readings in recent winters. Weather data shows that Nagpur experienced sub-10°C temperatures on as many as 17 days this December. The month also witnessed three officially classified cold wave days, marked by minimum temperatures plunging at least 4.5 degrees below the seasonal average. This trend closely matched the India Meteorological



Department's (IMD) earlier outlook, which had warned of an increased frequency of cold waves and below-normal temperatures during the December-January period. The cooling trend gathered momentum from

December 6, after which the mercury briefly rose above the 10°C mark only once. The persistent chill not only affected nights and early mornings but also kept daytime temperatures lower than usual, adding to the overall discomfort. While residents adapted by layering up, the extended cold spell had unintended consequences. In several low-income pockets, people resorted to lighting bonfires using firewood, waste material and discarded items to ward off the cold. The widespread burning led to a noticeable rise in smoke and dust levels, posing Nagpur's air quality from its typical moderate range into the 'poor' category on multiple days.

Kasangottuwar removed from BJP chief's post



Chandrapur 31 December: Changing the list prepared with the signature of BJP state president Ravindra Chavan at the local level has proved costly for a top BJP office bearer in the region. Chandrapur BJP city district president Subhash

Kasangottuwar was removed from his post on the day after the last date for filing nominations for the CMC elections. This decision was taken hastily on behalf of the BJP state office due to massive confusion in the list of Chandrapur Municipal Corporation candidates sent here by BJP state president Ravindra Chavan and the distribution of candidatures to candidates other than those on the list. Ever since he has been elected as the BJP district president, all BJP office bearers and even ordinary activists were very unhappy with Kasangottuwar.

Science & craft exhibition held amid enthusiasm at Matadinlal Jaiswal School



Wadi 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC): A science and handicraft exhibition was organised with enthusiasm at Late Matadinlalji Jaiswal, President of Late Matadinlalji Jaiswal Sanstha, Rajesh Jaiswal, Secretary Jaikishor Jaiswal, Principal of Marathi

Shyamkumar Jaiswal, President of Shri Vishwanath Baba Shikshan Sanstha, in the presence of Late Matadinlalji Jaiswal, President of Late Matadinlalji Jaiswal Sanstha, Rajesh Jaiswal, Secretary Jaikishor Jaiswal, Principal of Marathi

New Year's commencement witnessed amid the elegance of the setting sun



Wadi 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC):

December 31 is the last day of the year. The sun setting on the last day of the year on December 31, the setting sun bids farewell to the memories of a year and heralds the welcome of a new year. Witnessing the setting sun, the bygone year ends and the new year is about to rise with new hopes, dreams and resolutions. Sunset is the witness of today's feelings of the dreams of the new year approaching.

Construction work of Warkari Bhavan in full swing



Wadi 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC): With the support of Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, with the special funds of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, and with the special initiative of Mohan

Mate, MLA of South Nagpur legislative assembly constituency, the project of Warkari Bhavan, which is very important for the Warkaris of Nagpur and Vidarbha, which will make every Warkari

Civic body President, Councillors felicitated



Wadi 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC): Shri Santaji Akhil Teli Samaj Sanghantana Wadi branch felicitated the newly elected President of Wadi Municipal Council Naresh Charade, Corporator Rekha Govindrao Rode, founder Anil Bajait, Purushottam Lichade, Prashant Butale, Suresh

generation through windmills

invisible fire, drip irrigation, eye structure, water purification, solar system and others were presented. Also, in the handicraft section, artistic items such as fountains, Gond art, mandal art, grain art, ice cream stick art were displayed. Parents were present in large numbers on the occasion. They highly appreciated the creativity and presentation of the students. All the teachers and non-teaching staff cooperated in the successful organisation of the programme under the guidance of Principal Neha Wasade and Vice Principal Sudha Bangar.

Delivery boy brutally assaulted in city

Nagpur 31 December: Amid the strike by delivery workers, a video showing a Blinkit delivery worker being brutally assaulted has surfaced on social media. This incident occurred in Nagpur, Maharashtra and has created significant stir on internet concerning the safety of delivery executive. As per the media reports this road-rage took place over minor crash. Footage shared by deadily Kalesh shows, delivery guy being brutally assaulted by a group of

people. Caption reads, "Road rage kalesh: Blinkit delivery guy got brutally beaten up by car driver and co-passenger over minor crash." Video shows a Blinkit delivery agent being pulled by a man after his bike is seen on the road. The man, presumably the car owner, drags the agent away from his car, throws him to the ground, and repeatedly punches and slaps him. Another man arrives and strikes the delivery worker with a stick.

proud, has been undertaken by Nagpur Improvement Trust at Somvati Quarter, Budhwar Bazar in South Nagpur. The state government has approved Rs 18 crores for the project of Warkari Bhavan and under the guidance of Vishwa Warkari Seva Sanstha, the foundation of Warkari Bhavan has been prepared. The Warkari Bhavan will be a 4-storey grand divine building with parking facility on a spacious area of 16296 square feet. The construction of the slab on the ground floor of the concerned Warkari Bhavan was started by performing a formal puja in the presence of MLA Mohan Mate, officials of Nagpur Improvement Trust, Project Management Consultant, MB Malewar Design Pvt. Ltd. and representatives of Vishwa Warkari Seva Sanstha Jivalag Kohale, Ramesh

MTDC resorts housefull

Nagpur 31 December: Nagpur city and nearby tourist destinations witnessed a massive influx of tourists to welcome the New Year 2026 in grand style. Against the backdrop of Christmas and December 31 celebrations, all resorts operated by the MTDC in the Nagpur region recorded 100 percent occupancy, while more than 80 percent bookings were reported at private resorts. Under the guidance of Nilesh Gatne, IAS, Managing Director, MTDC, Mumbai, tourist resorts have been beautifully decorated with elaborate electrical illumination to welcome the New Year.

Chief Election Observer inspects strong room, election preparedness

Chandrapur 31 December: Chief Election Observer Vijay Sahadeoraobhakare and Election Inspector Sanjay Aswale, appointed by the State Election Commission, visited the Chandrapur Municipal Corporation Voter Registration Office and reviewed the election related arrangements. On the occasion, Chandrapur Municipal Commissioner and Election Officer Akunuri Naresh briefed them about the election preparations. The measures to conduct the election process in the municipal corporation area in

a proper and regular manner were discussed. Returning Officers 1 to 5 presented the report on the preparations of their departments. On the occasion, special discussions were held on issues such as security arrangements at polling stations, security of voting machines, mock poll process, facilities for voters, monitoring of election campaigning, and verification of election expenses. Also, necessary measures were reviewed to prevent any untoward incident during the election and all the concerned officials were imparted

guidance in this concern. The election observer also advised that all the departments should work together to ensure strict adherence to the rules in the election process and proper coordination on the polling day to ensure a safe and transparent election process. Earlier, he inspected the strong room premises of the Chandrapur Municipal Corporation Zone 3 office. The observer explained that the security of the strong room is important for the safe storage of ballot papers and other election equipment and materials.

Journalists' Vigilance Keeps Society Safe: Sameer Wankhede

Daily Mahasagar's Deepak Kaitke and Vikram Jadav Honoured with the PVS Award

Mumbai 31 December: Senior and well-known Indian Revenue Service officer Sameer Wankhede said that the constant vigilance of journalists compels officials to work more responsibly and attentively. When journalists and the administration work together, society remains safe, he observed. Wankhede was speaking as the chief guest at the 17th anniversary and Patrakar Vikas Sangh (PVS), held on Saturday at Sai Palace Auditorium, Malad West, Mumbai. On the occasion, PVS President Anand Mishra, General Secretary Ajay Singh, and Chief Advisor Sunil Singh felicitated Sameer Wankhede with a shawl, coconut, and a memento. Zone 11 Deputy Commissioner of Police Sandeep Jadhav was present as a special guest. For the past 17 years, PVS has been honouring journalists who have rendered outstanding

service in the field of journalism. This year too, at a grand ceremony, journalists, editors, and media professionals from various platforms were honoured for their notable contributions. The PVS Jury Award-2025 for Best Editor was conferred on Sanjay Sawant, Editor of Aapla Mahanagar, while the PVS Jury Silver Jubilee Award-2025 was presented to senior journalist Omprakash Tiwari of Dainik Jagran. The PVS Lifetime Achievement Award (Journalism)-2025 was awarded to senior journalist Sheshnath Singh of Dopahar Ka Samna, while the PVS Lifetime Achievement Award in Photography was presented to Pradeep Dhiwar. Among other major awards, Deepak Kaitke of Dainik Mahasagar received the Best Political Reporter Award, Bhanu Prakash Mishra of Dainik Bhaskar was honoured with the Best Reporter (General Category) Award, and Dr. Akhilesh Tiwari of NBT received the



Best Crime Reporter Award. Continuing the recognition, the PVS Best Young Journalist Award was presented to Vikram Jadav. The programme was anchored by senior journalists Abhay Mishra and Sunil Singh. Renowned singer Vinod Dubey enthralled the audience with his songs, while popular humor poets Mahesh Dubey and Mukesh Gautam added colour to the event with their poetry. Several dignitaries from social, political, artistic, and administrative fields attended the event, including

conferred on Anil Shukla of NBT, while the PVS Jury Editorial Award was presented to Vikram Jadav. The programme was anchored by senior journalists Abhay Mishra and Sunil Singh. Renowned singer Vinod Dubey enthralled the audience with his songs, while popular humor poets Mahesh Dubey and Mukesh Gautam added colour to the event with their poetry. Several dignitaries from social, political, artistic, and administrative fields attended the event, including

MLAs Sanjay Upadhyay and Aslam Shaikh; BJP leader Acharya Pawan Tripathi; RTI activist Anil Galgali; former Minister of State Amarjit Mishra; social worker Kanhaiyalal G. Saraf; Dr. Radheshyam Vinod; former corporator Tinoir Mishra; Dr. N.N. Pandey; Gangaram Jamnani; President of the Mantralaya and Legislature Reporters' Association Dilip Sapate; Mumbai President of the Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Patrakar Parishad Raja Adate; Padmabhushan Deshpande (Editor, Dainik

Prahar); General Manager of Dainik Yash Bharat Mrs. Aruna Rajendra Jain; retired IRS officer Rajendra Jain; Associate Editor Shirish Upadhyay; Prashant Barshing; executive members of the Mantralaya and Legislature Reporters' Association; local editor of Dainik Bhaskar Vijay Singh Kaushik; Treasurer Vinod Yadav; senior journalist Shailendra Shrivastava; Mumbai BJP spokesperson Uday Pratap Singh; Maharashtra President of Akhand Rajputana Seva Sangh Ramvilas Singh, along with a large number of journalists and social activists. During the programme, for their cooperation with journalists and active contribution to the social sector, Dr. Ajay Gupta, Medical Superintendent of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Hospital, renowned singer Prem Prakash Dubey, Sunil Kabra, and Abhishek Jaju were honoured with the PVS Journalist Friend Award-2025.

HEALTH MANTRA

- 1) Start the new year with healthy habits
 - 2) Try to wake up in the morning at Brahma Muhurta
 - 3) After waking up, drink 1 glass of warm water without washing your mouth
 - 4) Warm water awakens the digestive system
 - 5) It helps to remove impurities and toxins from the body
 - 6) Constipation is reduced and bowel movements become smoother
 - 7) The stomach feels light and happy
 - 8) It also helps keeping the skin clean and radiant
 - 9) It helps in controlling weight
 - 10) Morning laziness & fatigue are reduced
 - 11) Increases enthusiasm and efficiency throughout the day
 - 12) It helps in improving the immune system
 - 13) The mind remains calm and positive
 - 14) According to Ayurveda, this is an important part of one's daily routine
 - 15) Adopt this habit daily for sake of leading a healthy life
- Samaka Ayurveda Yoga and Wellness Centre, Godhani, Yavatmal

Rishika Khivsara bags CA degree

NER / NAGPUR POST: Rishika Khivsara, granddaughter of Prakash Kothari, a newspaper distributor, has brought pride to the town of Ner by earning the prestigious Chartered Accountant (CA) degree, a highly challenging course. Her CA examination graduation ceremony was recently held in Pune. Rishika achieved this success through hard work, perseverance, and self-confidence.



possible only because of the support of my family and teachers," Rishika said. Rishika's achievement is being praised throughout the Ner area, and many have wished her a bright future. Her success is proving to be an inspiration for other students.

New executive committee of Umarkhed Vibhagiya Pradeshik Danik Patrakar Sangh formed

Savita Chandre (Patil) elected President, Dnyaneshwar Thakre is secretary, Vijay Ade is working president!

Umarkhed 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC): The new executive committee of the Umarkhed Vibhagiya Pradeshik Danik Patrakar Sangh has been formed recently and Savita Chandre (Patil) of Dainik Namo Maharashtra, Nari Shakti News Channel has been elected as the president and Dnyaneshwar Thakre of Dainik Lokshahi Varta, 'Lokvedh News Portal' has been elected as the secretary.

On the occasion of the closing year of the association on December 31, the executive election meeting of the Umarkhed



Vibhagiya Pradeshik Danik Patrakar Sangh was held on Wednesday, in which the office bearers were elected. Vijay Ade Dainik from Tarun Bharat has been elected as the working president of the executive

committee. The association includes Dattatraya Deshmukh from Dainik Lokmat, Ashok Ganjegaonkar from Dainik Punyanagri and Avadhut Khadakkar from Dainik Balkadu as co-members.

Night-time 'Shramdaan' becomes a beacon of community spirit under CM Samruddha Panchayat Raj Abhiyan

Wardha/Mirzapur 31 December (Khalil Khatib): In an extraordinary display of community resolve, the residents of Mirzapur Neri have turned the biting winter chill into a warm wave of social change. Under the state government's 'Mukhyamantri Samruddha Panchayat Raj Abhiyan', the villagers have initiated a massive voluntary labor (Shramdaan) project to construct a crucial approach road to the local crematorium. The initiative, which began on December 25, sees hundreds of men, women, and youth gathering every night from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM to perform earthwork and layering of stones.

Why the Night Shift? Mirzapur Neri is a rehabilitated village where most residents lack agricultural land. Consequently, the majority of the population works as daily



wagelaborers during the day to sustain their livelihoods. To ensure that their personal work does not hinder the village's progress, the community collectively decided to dedicate their resting hours to public service. The movement gained momentum following a resolution passed by the Gram Utsav Committee under the chairmanship of Sarpanch Bala Sontakke. An emotional appeal by the Sarpanch resonated deeply with the villagers, transforming a government campaign into a full-scale people's movement (Lok Chalwal). "Watching the villagers gather in this freezing cold after a hard day's work fills me with immense energy," said

Sarpanch Sontakke. "Their dedication is so profound that it often brings tears of joy." Gram Panchayat Officer Sanjay Yawale, who actively participates in the labor alongside the villagers, confirmed that nearly 500 meters of road construction is nearing completion. Deputy Sarpanch Siddharth Kalpande noted that this initiative has not only improved infrastructure but has also fostered a unique sense of unity in the village. The 'Mirzapur Model' of night-time Shramdaan has now become a major talking point across the Vidarbha region, setting a high benchmark for public participation in rural development schemes.

Administrative work stalled due to vacant posts of Chief Officer and Engineers in Maregaon Nagar Panchayat

President Dr. Manish Maski submits memorandum to District Collector

MAREGAON/NAGPUR POST: The administrative and developmental work of Maregaon Nagar Panchayat has been severely affected due to the vacancy of key posts including Chief Officer, Civil Engineer, and Electrical Engineer. Demanding immediate appointments to these posts, Municipal President Dr. Manish Maski has submitted a memorandum to the District Collector, Yavatmal. As per Government Order No. MCO-2025/Pr. No. 440/Navi-14, Mumbai, dated December 24, 2025, the Chief Officer (Group-A) of Maregaon Nagar Panchayat, Mr. Shashikant Maruti Babar, has been transferred to Akot Municipal Council in Akola district. Following his transfer, the post of Chief Officer at Maregaon Nagar Panchayat has remained vacant, resulting in delays in office administration, redressal of citizens' complaints, and execution of development works. Meanwhile, according to the orders issued by the Hon'ble District Joint Commissioner, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Yavatmal, Mr. Anurag Sangole, Civil Engineer (N.P. Pandharkawada), and Mr. Prashant Bali, Electrical Engineer (N.P. Wani), were assigned additional charge of Civil Engineer and Electrical Engineer at Maregaon Nagar Panchayat for two days a week—Tuesday and Wednesday (as per necessity). However, these officers have not yet reported for duty at Maregaon Nagar Panchayat, due to which construction-related and electrical works have come to a complete standstill. In the memorandum, Dr. Manish Maski pointed out that ongoing development projects, routine administrative functions, and resolution of basic civic issues are being adversely affected. He strongly urged the administration to appoint a permanent or in-charge Chief Officer, along with Civil and Electrical Engineers, at the earliest to ensure smooth functioning of the Nagar Panchayat.



Massive water wastage due to overflowing water tank Municipal Council Administration's Negligence

PUSAD / NAGPUR POST: While citizens in some parts of the city are forced to queue for drinking water, a shocking reality has emerged in the city's central area: clean drinking water is literally flowing onto the streets. This is a living example of the negligent and irresponsible administration of the Pusad Municipal Council, currently visible in the Tilaknagar area. The water tank in Tilaknagar, with a capacity of 20 lakh liters, has been continuously overflowing at night for the past three days. While it is expected that pumping should be stopped immediately after the tank is full, it is clear that the concerned employees and officials are, as usual, negligent. As a result, valuable treated drinking



water is flowing freely onto the streets, and the entire road in front of the Motinagar garden is waterlogged. It is the basic responsibility of the employees appointed at the tank to give timely notice and switch off the pumps after the pumping is complete. However, considering this situation that has been going on for the past three days, it is clear that the municipal

administration has no regard for the value of water or the needs of the citizens. While such blatant wastage of clean drinking water is occurring, the administration seems to be in a deep slumber. Meanwhile, regarding this matter, the chairman of the housing society, Ravi Deshpande, contacted the water supply engineer,

Madhav Patil, and brought the serious issue to his attention. However, the fact that no concrete action has been taken by the administration even after being informed is even more infuriating. Currently, the newly elected mayor is yet to assume office, and the Chief Officer Atul Pant has been transferred to Amravati, leaving the Pusad Municipal Council in a state of being virtually without a leader. On one hand, thirsty citizens, and on the other, water flowing away due to the administration's negligence—this contradiction raises serious questions about the functioning of the Pusad Municipal Council. Intense anger and dissatisfaction are being expressed among the citizens of Motinagar regarding this situation.

Village Revenue officers sit-in protest for various demands attracts attention

BABHULGAON / NAGPUR POST: Despite repeatedly submitting memorandums regarding the financial and service-related demands of the Village Revenue Officer (Talathi) cadre in the district, the district administration has not taken any notice of these memorandums. Therefore, out of helplessness, the Talathi held a one-day sit-in protest today, Wednesday (31st), in front of the Tehsil office.

The Talathi, who are a crucial part of the revenue

department in the rural areas and are essential to agriculture, are facing many problems. The Village Revenue Officers, who play an important role in the revenue administration along with the farmers, have submitted numerous memorandums to resolve their problems. However, due to the indifferent policies of the district administration, no action was taken. Therefore, the Patwari (Talathi) association held a sit-in protest in front of the Tehsil office. The seniority list of the



Talathi cadre has not been updated for the last fifteen years; it should be updated.

Promotions should be given in the Circle Officer promotion cadre. Outdated laptops and

printers should be replaced. The transfer process in the Village Revenue cadre

should be completed. The 0.25 percent administrative expense allowances should be given as per the rules for heavy rainfall/drought relief distribution. The rent for the rented Talathi offices should be paid. A copy of the annual evaluation report should be provided. The salaries of the Talathi should be fixed. Talathi should not be given additional charge for more than 6 months, etc. These demands were raised during the sit-in protest organized by the Talathi association today, Wednesday (31st). On this

occasion, Vidarbha Patwari Association Yavatmal sub-division president Salim Hussain, and organization members Sanjay Kakade, Avinash Sarde, Varsha Maske, Kanchan Tangle, Nikhil Sune, Dhiraj Bobde, Amit Paropte, Vikram Bhandarkar, Manoj Bijwe, Abhay Jadhav, Sartape, Bhagwan Kapse, Dnyaneshwar Gadpayle, Rahul Dakre, Manda Masram, Nisha Uike and other revenue officers participated in the sit-in protest.

Monitoring panel to decide on seized cash in NMC polls

Nagpur 31 December: During the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct for the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) General Elections 2025-26, action is being taken against individuals found carrying cash exceeding the prescribed limit without valid documentation, as well as against other violations of the code. These actions are being carried out by the Model Code of Conduct Cell through its Flying Squads (FST) and Static Surveillance Teams (SST). In the course of these operations, cash and other

related items are being seized at various locations. As per the orders of NMC Commissioner and Election Officer Dr. Abhijit Chaudhari, a Monitoring Committee has been constituted to take decisions regarding the disposal of seized cash and materials.

Woman electrocuted



BABHULGAON/NAGPUR POST: Jayashree Raju Kamble, a 45-year-old woman and resident of Nagargaon, died due to an electric shock. Jayashree Raju Kamble, who worked as an ICRF for a self-help group, was taking a bath at 9:30 AM on Wednesday when she came into contact with a live electrical wire. She survived by her husband, one son, one daughter, and a large extended family. The sudden death of Jayashree Kamble, who was active in social work, has caused sorrow in the village.