

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/DC: 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

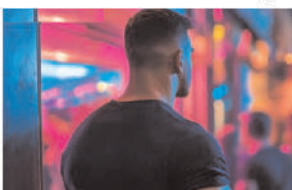
Nagpur 31 December: In view of New Year celebrations and the upcoming elections, Zone 4 Police led by DCP Rashmitha Rao intensified preventive action by conducting a special combing operation and naka-bandi drives. The operation was carried out on December 27 and 30, 2025, between 5.50 pm and 11.00 pm. 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.

MSEDCL Overhaul: 'Mahaparivartan' Mission to Transform Power Sector; Target of Rs 2,500 Crore Profit

Nagpur 31 December: The New Year is set to begin with a major revolution for electricity consumers and the energy sector in the state. MSEDCL (Mahavartan) has launched an ambitious 'Transformation Program' (Mahaparivartan) to radically change its operational system.

Through this mission, the agency aims to achieve an additional cash gain of Rs 2,500 crore within the next 18 months and cross the Rs 15,000 crore mark by 2030.

Watch through Mahashakti Project. This mega project, named 'Mahaparivartan' or 'Mahashakti,' will be

executed through a specially established 'Transformation Office' (TO). MSEDCL aims to reduce its Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses from the current 16% to 10%. To achieve this, a digital watch will be kept on power theft using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Smart Meter Analytics. Daytime Power for Farmers and Relief in Tariff Hikes: Speaking in the Legislature, Chief Minister and Energy Minister Devendra Fadnis presented a detailed roadmap for the state's energy sector. "The state will generate 16,000 MW of solar energy, with the target to be

completed by the end of 2026. This will ensure farmers receive electricity during the day. Notably, while electricity rates increased by 9% annually over the last 20 years, they will now decrease by 2% every year for the next five years," he stated confidently.

Key Highlights of the Project:

- Strengthening Power Supply:** Modern equipment (RMUs/FPIs) will be installed to reduce power outages by up to 70%. This will begin as a pilot project in seven key subdivisions.
- AgriCo:** A dedicated management unit, 'AgriCo,' will be formed to streamline

electricity supply specifically for agriculture.

- Focus on Solar Energy:** Maharashtra has secured the top position in the country under the PM-KUSUM scheme, having installed over 7.40 lakh solar pumps. Additionally, there are plans to provide 'Solar Rooftops' to 30 lakh households to bring their electricity bills down to zero.
- Distribution Franchise:** In areas where power loss exceeds 20%, the quality of service will be improved through public-private partnerships (Franchise model).
- Pumped Storage and Grid Stabilization:**

Recognizing Maharashtra's natural potential, agreements have been signed for Pumped Storage Projects with a capacity of 76,000 MW.

This will allow surplus power to be stored and used during peak demand, making 24x7 power supply more feasible. The entire project will be implemented with the assistance of the global consultancy firm 'McKinsey,' and the foundation work will be completed by January 30, 2026. MSEDCL is evolving from a mere power distribution company into a profitable, tech-driven, and consumer-friendly organization.

Tiger attack in Kinhi-Shivni locality, bullock and cow hunted down

Kuhi 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC): A spine chilling incident occurred on Sunday (December 28) morning when a tiger hunted down a cow along with a bullock near a farm in the vicinity of Kinhi village. The name of the cattle owner is farmer Rambhau Nimbarte. He always kept two bullocks and a white cow tied up in the farm. As usual, he returned home after feeding the bullock and the white cow in the evening the previous day. At around dawn, the tiger, which was lurking in the vicinity, suddenly attacked. The tiger targeted a bullock and a white cow in this attack. When the animals reached the farm in the morning, they were found dead in a pool of blood. The footprints at the scene confirmed that the



attack was carried out by a tiger. The farmer concerned has suffered a loss of lakhs of rupees due to the loss of bullocks and cows, which are important from the point of view of farming. How can farmers, who are already suffering from nature induced crises, are suffering from financial problems and have lost their ox and buffalo due to

a tiger attack, continue farming? This question is looming large before the farmer concerned. The forest department has clearly taken a stance by raising both hands and saying, 'You fend for yourself.' The farmers can clearly see that and administration has turned its back on this issue. In short, the increasing movement of tigers in the taluka has disrupted normal life, and concrete action is expected from the forest department. Citizens are expressing optimism at the increasing movement of tigers in the locality.

National Pediatric Surgery Day celebrated at KIMS-Kingsway Hospital

Nagpur 31 December: The Department of Pediatric Surgery, KIMS-Kingsway Hospital successfully celebrated National Pediatric Surgery Day on Monday, 29th December 2025, at Parwana Bhawan, Nagpur. The academic program witnessed enthusiastic participation and was attended by 19 eminent pediatric surgeons from across the city, making it a significant professional gathering. The highlight of the event was an engaging



clinical case discussion of a complex case involving a 3-year-old child with multiple congenital anatomical anomalies. The case stimulated in-depth deliberations, focusing on diagnostic challenges,

treatment dilemmas, and critical decision-making in pediatric surgical practice, rather than presenting a fully resolved outcome. This approach encouraged active interaction, exchange of perspectives, and sharing of collective expertise among the attending surgeons. The Department of Pediatric Surgery, KIMS-Kingsway Hospital, expressed gratitude to all participating pediatric surgeons for making the event academically enriching and successful.

Katol cops recover 21 lost mobile phones, return them to original owners

Katol 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC): While finding lost or stolen mobile phones is a headache for many, personnel and officials from Katol sub-divisional police effectively recovered 21 mobile phones using state of the art technological tools and returned them to their original owners.



On behalf of Katol police station, the initiative was led by sub-divisional officer Parag Pote on Wednesday. Officials from Katol Police Station, Ranjit Shirsath, Narkhed Police Station, Ajit Kadam, Kondhali Police Station, Lule, and Jalalkheda Police Station, Tushar Chaudhary, were prominently present. I am satisfied with the performance of Katol police, as they recovered the most mobile phones in one stroke, altogether 15 in all.

Under this initiative, the Katol Sub-Divisional Police

Station has recovered 15 lost mobile phones and returned them to their original owners. Stolen mobile phones from Katol, Narkhed, and Jalalkheda areas were tracked down through technical verification methods through the portal. Mobile phone holders thanked the police personnel for this initiative. Akshara Dilip Phule, Harshal Savarkar, Pushkar Pradeep Tijare, Shivam Rambharose Matlane, Sanskar Vijay Tayade, Yash Rakesh Thakre, Chandu Raut, Karan Rajesh Paraye, Rambharose Matlane, Shreyas

Moreswar Pusdekar, Anshu Narayandas Kushwaha, Ramkishan Maniram Murodia, Mrinal Mohan. Dudhakawade, Umesh Shankarrao Khante, Vishal Murodia from Katol as well as Kishor Bhise, Jagdish Wadbudhe, Lalit Lade from Jalalkheda and Prafull Naresh Kamble, Bhaurao Motidev Mukne from Narkhed. Harshal Savarkar's mobile was stolen from the bus stand area, while Lalit Lade's mobile phone was lost from the market premises.

Sub divisional officer Parag Pote, police inspector Ranjit Shirsath appealed that

citizens should be alert towards incidents of mobile phone theft, public awareness should be enhanced about the menace in rural areas and modern technology has made it easier to detect theft and thieves should think twice before committing such incidents. Police Patil Waman Wanjari was hailed by the police department for his invaluable information and assistance from time to time. Officials expressed their optimism that he has truly fulfilled his responsibilities as a Police Patil.

Sports instill resilience in children to handle success and failure: MP Amar Kale

Wardha 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): "In today's digital era, children are becoming increasingly disconnected from the playground and addicted to mobile phones. It is only through sports that they can learn how to navigate life's struggles and develop the strength to handle both success and failure," stated Member of Parliament Amar Kale. He was speaking at the prize distribution ceremony of the 9th Vidarbha State-Level Kho-Kho Tournament for boys and girls, organized by the Sahyog Shikshan Prasarak Mandal in Wardha. During his address, MP Amar Kale expressed deep concern over the rising trend of mobile dependency among children. Key highlights from his speech include: He noted that children often become aggressive when denied access to



mobile phones. This constant digital engagement is leading to an increase in psychological issues among the youth. He urged parents to ensure children spend at least one to one-and-a-half hours daily on the playground to mitigate these risks. Commending the consistency of the event, the MP

congratulated Dr. Hivanj and former Municipal President Atul Tarale for successfully hosting the state-level tournament for nine consecutive years. He also suggested that the government's Sports Department should actively collaborate in such large-scale regional events.

Name of major TN hospital comes to the fore in kidney sale case

Chandrapur 31 December: While the intricacies of the kidney sale case involving Roshan Kunde, a victimised farmer from Minthul in Nagbhid taluka of Chandrapur district, are being solved and the case has assumed significance from the international perspective too, Chandrapur police have revealed that the accused in this case, Himanshu Bharadwaj, also had his own kidney transplanted at a large hospital in Tamil Nadu. According to the police, Himanshu Bharadwaj, who took Roshan Kunde and his associates to Cambodia, also had his

Dr. Ravinderpal Singh from Delhi arrested

own kidney illegally transplanted in July 2022 amid financial difficulties. This was carried out through Krishna alias Ramakrishna Suchu, by Dr. Rajaratnam Govindaswamy, the director of Star KIMS Hospital in Trichy, Tamil Nadu, and Dr. Ravinderpal Singh from Delhi. The doctors were charging between Rs. 50 lakh and Rs. 80 lakh from the recipient. Dr. Ravinderpal Singh from Delhi received Rs. 10 lakh, Dr.

Rajaratnam Govindaswamy, the director of Star KIMS Hospital, received Rs. 20 lakh for providing surgery and hospital services, and Krishna alias Ramakrishna Suchu and others received Rs. 20 lakh. The kidney donors were only given Rs. 5 to Rs 8 lakh. In the investigation of this case, a team from LCB Chandrapur went to Star KIMS Hospital in Trichy (Tamil Nadu) and is trying to locate and apprehend the hospital director, Dr. Rajaratnam

Govindaswamy. Another LCB team apprehended Dr. Ravinderpal Singh in Delhi. When he was produced before the concerned court in Delhi for transit remand, he was ordered to appear in person before the Chief Judicial Magistrate of Chandrapur on January 2, 2026. District Superintendent of Police M Sudharshan has informed that several renowned hospitals in India, many doctors, and agents are involved in this kidney racket.

Run Tobacco and Drug-Free Campaign to protect children: District Collector Vanmathi C



Wardha 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): District Collector Vanmathi C has directed that a joint tobacco- and drug-free awareness campaign be implemented to keep children away from addiction from an early age.

The campaign should be carried out collaboratively by the National Tobacco Control Programme, Mental Health Programme, Education Department, Food and Drug Administration, and the Police Department. She emphasized the need to sensitize students and parents to make the district tobacco- and substance-free. The instructions were given during a review meeting of the District Tobacco Control Coordination Committee held at the Collector's Office.

The meeting was attended by District Health Officer Dr. Swapnil Bele, District Civil Surgeon Dr. Sumant Wagh, Deputy Education Officer M. Pansare, Police Inspector Salam Qureshi, Dr. Mohita Kodape, Dr. Madhuri Nimsatkar, Dr. Shama Khan, and District Consultant of the National Tobacco Control Programme Dr. Namrata Saluja, among others.

Considering the rising addiction to tobacco, tobacco products, and narcotic substances, the Collector instructed that

schools and colleges be targeted through awareness programmes highlighting the health hazards, how addiction begins at a young age, and measures to prevent children from falling

into substance abuse. Teams from the National Tobacco Control Programme and the Mental Health Department were present at the meeting.

Interstate racket of gold chain snatchers busted

Bhandara Local Crime Branch takes decisive action

Bhandara 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): In Kharbi, under the jurisdiction of Jawaharnagar Police Station in Bhandara district, three boys and one girl, aged between 22 and 25 years, saw an elderly woman walking alone on the Kharbi-Bhandara National Highway 53. They approached her on the Kharbi service road, asked her for directions towards Bhandara, and then, in collusion, forcibly snatched her jewelry and ornaments before ultimately fleeing. Based on the complaint filed by the victim, Suman Manikrao Ghatole, a case was registered at Jawaharnagar Police Station. Considering the seriousness of the case, under the guidance of Nurul Hasan, Superintendent of Police, Bhandara, and Nilesh More, Additional Superintendent of Police, Bhandara, Police Inspector Nitin Chincholkar of the Local Crime Branch, Bhandara, instructed his

Property Cell team to initiate an investigation into the incident. Meanwhile, the Property Cell team, led by officer Vivek Sonawane, along with constables Uhare, Deshmukh, Tiwari, Pote, Deshmukh, Thackeray, and drivers Tiwade and Gajbhiye, obtained a confidential information regarding the crime. They received information that a white Hyundai i20 car, matching the description given by the complainant, was roaming around in Bhandara district with the intention of committing similar crimes. Based on this information, the team left for Raipur via Bhandara-Sakoli route to search for the suspected vehicle. After tracking the vehicle to Raipur, the team detained the vehicle within the Raipur jurisdiction and questioned the occupants about their names and addresses. They identified themselves as: 1) Ashish Manohar Bhattacharya, aged 26 years, resident of ward 10, New Bus Stop,



Durgapur, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 2) Shubham Horilal Soni, aged 21 years, Dhamtari, Durga Mandir Campus, Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh, 3) Saurabh Lobhandas Banjara, aged 22 years, Ward 12, Shitalapara, Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh, and 4) Deepika Ghanshyam Gangbar, aged 23 years, resident of vicinity of Loharsi Kendriya Vidyalaya, Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh. Based on suspicion, and with the objective of solving the case that occurred at Jawaharnagar police station, the individuals present in the four-wheeler were interrogated. They confessed to committing a similar crime in

Jawaharnagar and also in Karda, where they stole a woman's gold chain. Accordingly, a case was registered against the accused at Jawaharnagar Police Station under Crime No. 461/2025, Sections 304 (2), 3(5) of the Indian Penal Code. In addition, cases were registered at Jawaharnagar Police Station on December 29, 2025, under Crime No. 456/25, Sections 304 (2), 3(5) of the Indian Penal Code, and at Karda Police Station under a separate crime number, thus solving three cases. Out of the total stolen property, cash amounting to Rs 64,000 and other items worth Rs 8,50,000 were

seized. The vehicle and the seized property have been handed over to Jawaharnagar Police Station for further action. This operation was conducted under the guidance of Nurul Hasan, Superintendent of Police, Bhandara, and Nilesh More, Additional Superintendent of Police, Bhandara, by Police Inspector Nitin Chincholkar and his subordinate Property Cell team comprising officer Vivek Sonawane, Police Head Constable Uhare, Police Head Constable Deshmukh, Woman Police Head Constable Tiwari, and Police Constable. The action was carried out by Pote, Deshmukh, Thakre, and driver Tiwade, Gajbhiye, Police Constable Shailesh Bedurkar from the Cyber Police Station, and Station House Officer Mimaji Patil, Police Naik Ramakant Bodre, Police Constable Nitin Bhaladhare, Rahul Tidke, and others from Jawaharnagar Police Station.

Change Of Name

MY OLD NAME WAS MILINDKUMAR UDAYBHAN INDURKAR. NOW MY NEW NAME IS MILIND UDAYBHAN INDURKAR. ADD: QUARTER NO B19/147, NEAR NIT GARDEN UPPALWADI NAGPUR - 440017

MY OLD NAME WAS PALLAVI VENIMADHAV ALIAS SURAJ BHORKAR. NOW MY NEW NAME IS SNEHA LAXMANRAO KSHIRSAGAR. ADD: PLOT NO 4, FLAT NO. 4001 SHIV HEIGHTS APARTMENT, NAGPUR-440034

MY OLD NAME WAS AMIT KUMAR SHUKLA. NOW MY NEW NAME IS AMIT DINDANDHU SHUKLA. ADD: PLOT NO 102 KATOL ROAD HANUMAN MANDIR KEC PICHE DARSHNA GRUH NIRMAN SOCIETY DABHA NAGPUR 440023

MY OLD NAME WAS KAMBLE BALASAHEB. NOW MY NEW NAME IS BALKRISHNA KAMBLE. ADD: FLAT NO. 604 - A RACHANA MEGHSPARSH APARTMENT BHAMTI NAGPUR 440025

MY OLD NAME WAS NOOR JAHAN BEGUM WAHID KHAN. NOW MY NEW NAME IS NOORJAHAN ABDUL SATTAR PATHAN. ADD: PLOT NO.132 THAKUR PLOT TAJBAG NAGPUR 440024

MY OLD NAME WAS FATEMA BI MOHAMMED AARIF. NOW MY NEW NAME IS FATMA MOHAMMAD AARIF NAGANI. ADD: TAJ NAGAR NEAR USMANIYA MASJID, DIGRAS, YAVATMAL - 445203

MY OLD NAME WAS SHABANA KAUSAR MIRZA. NOW MY NEW NAME IS SHABANA AARSHAD KHAN. ADD: 24 ASI NAGAR MAIN ROAD, DR AMBEDKAR MARG, NAGPUR - 440017

MY OLD NAME WAS TAHER ANSARI/TAHIR ANSARI. NOW MY NEW NAME IS MOHAMMAD TAHIR RIYASAT ALI ANSARI. ADD: PLOT NO.346 LASHKARIBAGH NAGPUR 440017

MY OLD NAME WAS AKHILESH KUMAR NAPIT. NOW MY NEW NAME IS AKHILESH NAPIT. ADD: ASHISH AGRAWAL, PLOT NO. 300 - A/2, NAGPUR-440001

MY OLD NAME WAS NEHA THAKURDAS KHIYANI. NOW MY NEW NAME IS PREETI SAGAR PANJWANI. ADD: WARD NO. 39, DEOLI ROAD, NEAR MATA MANDIR, DAYAL NAGAR, WARDHA-442001

MY OLD NAME WAS ALFIYA MAHAREEN SHEIKH / ALFIYA SHEIKH. NOW MY NEW NAME IS ALFIYA MEHREEN SHEIKH. OLD PASSPORT NUMBER IS J6009429. ADD: PLOT NO.42, BEHIND HIMANSHU APARTMENT, SIDDHARTH NAGAR, NAGPUR 440017

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 ash. The pots have to be coated 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 road 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 (Naushad) 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.

Building Resilience at Scale: Rewriting India's Crop Protection Playbook for 2026

By Rajavelu NK, CEO-Crop Protection Business, Godrej Agrovet Ltd

Nagpur 31 December: India's crop protection landscape has fundamentally shifted—from protecting yields to securing food security amid climate volatility, labour scarcity, and fragmented landholdings. What emerged over the past year is not a temporary adjustment but a structural transformation that will shape the sector's trajectory in 2026. In 2025, climate extremes prevailing through most of the year sharply intensified pest pressure and resistance risks, forcing farmers to move beyond conventional spraying toward integrated pest management and

precision application. Government initiatives such as Drone Didi helped bring targeted crop protection into the mainstream, engaging over 15,000 women's self-help groups, while nearly 20 percent of smallholder farmers began benefiting from AI-driven pest advisories. Together, these developments signal a decisive shift—from reactive crop protection to predictive, intelligence-led systems—setting the stage for 2026 as the year when integration, data-led decision-making, and sustainability will define the next phase of India's crop protection evolution.



Climate Volatility Is Driving Structural Change
The dynamics of weeds and pests are being drastically changed by climate change. Heat stress, constant humidity, and erratic rainfall are making traditional control techniques useless. Farmers who use pesticides more frequently run the risk of

experiencing diminishing returns and the risk of triggering pesticide resistance a vicious cycle that demands a new approach. Crop protection must now integrate into broader adaptive systems: crop rotation, integrated pest management, and precision application the right product, at the right dose, in the right place.

Smallholders Will Determine Success
India's smallholder farmers the agricultural backbone operate with limited capital and minimal extension support. A digital layer is emerging: 60-70

percent access weather and pest alerts via SMS, WhatsApp, and vernacular apps, though only 20 percent use AI platforms.

These tools guide critical decisions from sowing to spray schedules. Innovation extends beyond molecules. Crop-specific advisory, bundled solutions, regional-language support, and practical stewardship proper dosage, protective equipment, storage matter equally. Digital channels and field demonstrations enable correct, safe application. By Rajavelu NK, CEO-Crop Protection Business, Godrej Agrovet Ltd.

Alert ticket checking leads to arrest of thief onboard train

Passengers' belongings recovered

Nagpur 31 December: Nagpur Division of Central Railway has once again demonstrated its commitment to passenger safety and security through timely and alert action during routine ticket checking onboard a train.

During ticket checking, a passenger was found travelling without a valid ticket. At the same time, another passenger in the same coach reported the theft of his clothing and cash.

Immediate verification and search led to the recovery of the stolen items

and cash from the possession of the ticketless passenger.

Swift action was taken by the railway staff, and the matter was promptly reported to the control office. Necessary documentation was completed, and the accused was handed over to the Railway Protection Force (RPF) for further legal action. During subsequent checks, a stolen briefcase belonging to another passenger of the same coach was also recovered from the accused. The prompt and vigilant action resulted in the successful

apprehension of a thief and recovery of passengers' belongings, reinforcing confidence among passengers in the railway's security mechanism. Passengers onboard appreciated the alertness and efficiency of the railway staff and expressed their gratitude towards the Railways.

Central Railway, Nagpur Division remains committed to ensuring the safety, security and comfort of passengers through continuous vigilance, effective ticket checking and close coordination with security agencies.

Mohammed Rafi's legacy shows that natural talent blossoms through nurture and practice: Mohan Agrawal

Wardha 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): 'Mohammed Rafi's life and musical journey stand as a powerful reminder that while talent may be innate, it requires continuous nurturing, discipline, and dedicated practice to achieve greatness and sustain excellence. Though his beginnings were simple, Rafi's relentless commitment to learning and refining his craft transformed his natural gift into one of the most enduring voices of Hindi cinema," expressed by senior social worker Mohanbabu Agrawal. He was speaking at the programme "Tum Mujhe Yun Bhula Na Paoge," organised by Swaradhara Sangeet Manch and the Rafi Foundation at Satyanarayan Bajaj Public Library.

Mohan Agrawal said that Mohammed Rafi was not confined to romantic songs alone. His repertoire included hundreds of devotional songs, ghazals, classical-based compositions, patriotic numbers, and emotionally rich film songs. Behind this versatility was not just the inborn sweetness of voice, but years of rigorous practice, humility, and constant self-improvement.

His wide vocal range,



control, and emotional depth were the result of sustained effort, which enabled him to adapt to every musical mood and era.

He further noted that Rafi's journey teaches young artists that natural ability becomes meaningful only when it is carefully nurtured. Continuous practice, respect for one's art, and openness to learning are what helped Mohammed Rafi win the hearts of generations and remain relevant even decades later. His songs continue to resonate today because his talent was supported by lifelong dedication.

The programme was inaugurated by social worker

Sunil Burande. Distinguished guests present included former President of Lions Club Wardha Vijay Satyam, National Vice President of the All India Shastri Social Forum Imran Rahi, President of Patanjali Yoga Samiti Damodar Raut, President of Sharada Art and Cultural Mandal Usha Phale, President of the Private Teachers' Association Suresh Kumar Bare, former President of the O.P. Nayyar Fans Club Nana Pahade, social worker Adv Vijay Singh Thakur, and senior social worker Suresh Pattewar.

During the "Tum Mujhe Yun Bhula Na Paoge" programme,

Yashwant Pateria, Mohan Shewale, Manish Khadtke, Sameer Shirav, Girish Sawalkar, Pralhad Mankar, Smita Padoley, and Riddhi Lekurwade captivated the audience with soulful renditions of songs by Mohammed Rafi and other legendary singers, reflecting how disciplined artistry keeps music alive across generations. The programme was anchored by Kiran Pattewar and Sandhya Sawarkar.

A large gathering of music lovers and eminent citizens from Wardha attended the event. The programme concluded on a devotional note with a qawwali dedicated to Shirdi Sai Baba.

World's No. 1 Helmet Producer in 2024 & 2025 — Steelbird Helmets Now Poised for a Historic Hat Trick in 2026

New Delhi 31 December: Once again, Steelbird earns the unwavering trust of riders in India and across the globe. After becoming the World's No. 1 Helmet Producer in 2024 and 2025, Steelbird Hi-Tech India Ltd. is now firmly on track to complete a historic hat trick in 2026, with 9.3 million helmets sold this year.

This achievement follows last year's official recognition in New Delhi, January 2025, where Steelbird was declared the world's leading helmet manufacturer, having sold a record-breaking 8.75 million units.

Yet behind these impressive numbers lies a larger purpose — the opportunity to save countless lives on the road.

Steelbird's continuous investments in cutting-edge technologies, world-class manufacturing systems, and next-generation safety innovations ensure that every Steelbird helmet stands as a symbol of protection, trust, and style. The company's planned expansion to produce 60,000 helmets per day reinforces its strong momentum toward achieving the remarkable



three-year global leadership streak.

Excellence Built In-House — Zero Compromise on Safety

Steelbird's dominance stems from an uncompromising commitment: every head wearing a Steelbird helmet must receive the highest level of protection at the time of a crash.

To uphold this mission, the company manufactures nearly every single component in-house across its nine ISO 9000 certified plants in India.

Each plant leverages world-class technologies—robotic painting systems, precision moulding, automation lines, and rigorous multi-stage quality checks.

State-of-the-art testing

labs validate every batch for ISI, ECE 22.06, DOT, and other global standards.

Many may wonder how many components go into a helmet. The answer is staggering: over 3,700 individual components—including EPS, EPP, ABS shells, fiberglass shells, carbon-fiber shells, chinstraps, buckles, interiors, decals, visors, and countless small parts. The only item not produced in-house is the packaging box.

A Global Road-Safety Champion

Steelbird is not just a market leader—it is a global voice for road safety.

The company's Managing Director, Mr. Rajeev Kapur, remains the only leader from the global helmet industry to have been invited twice by the United

Nations (UN) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to address their international road safety forums.

At the 4th Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety, held in Marrakech, Morocco (February 18–20, 2025), Steelbird launched its global initiative "Mission Save Lives," presenting a detailed roadmap supporting the UN and WHO goals to reduce global road fatalities by 50% by 2035.

In India—where two-wheeler deaths constitute some of the highest in the world—Steelbird

has expanded this initiative through Mission Save Lives 2.0, specifically aimed at combating the widespread use of fake and substandard helmets. According to official data, more than 600,000 people in India lost their lives in two-wheeler accidents between 2014 and 2023, with 79,533 fatalities in 2023 alone.

The root cause: riders not wearing helmets, choosing fake helmets, or failing to buckle them properly.

Changing this mindset remains one of the nation's biggest road safety challenges.

Intensive ticket checking drives earn over Rs 20.57 crore for Nagpur Division

Nagpur 31 December: Nagpur Division of Central Railway has achieved significant revenue growth through sustained and intensive ticket checking drives conducted across its network.

From January to December 2025, these vigilant efforts resulted in total earnings of more than Rs 20.57 crore, reflecting the Division's strong commitment to revenue protection, passenger discipline, and rule compliance. During this period, a total of 1,61,914 cases of ticketless travel were detected.

From these cases, fare amounting to Rs 7.22 crore and additional charges of Rs 4.44 crore were recovered. In addition, 1,52,292 cases of irregular travel were booked, leading to the recovery of Rs 4.08 crore as fare and Rs 3.91 crore as additional charges. The ticket checking staff also detected 2,309 cases of unbooked luggage, from which an amount of Rs 4.87 lakh was realized. Overall, 3,29,839 cases were booked during the period, generating a total revenue of Rs 20,57,78,331 for the Nagpur Division.

This remarkable achievement highlights the

dedication, alertness, and coordinated efforts of ticket checking staff, supervisors, and enforcement teams who worked relentlessly across stations and onboard trains. The sustained drives not only contributed substantially to railway revenue but also helped in discouraging ticketless and irregular travel, thereby promoting fairness among genuine passengers. Central Railway, Nagpur Division reiterates its appeal to passengers to always travel with valid tickets, follow railway rules, and cooperate with ticket checking staff to ensure a safe, orderly, and comfortable journey for all.

124 Beneficiaries selected for Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana & Shravanbal Yojana

Ramtek 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): On Monday (December 29), a meeting was held at the Parshivani Tehsil Office under the leadership of Raju Bhoskar, Taluka President of Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana and Shravan Bal Yojana and in the presence of Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana and Shravan Bal Yojana members Prem Bhondekar, Madhuri Bawankule, Roshan Pimpale, Ashish Dhote, Sanjay Gandhi and Shravan Bal Yojana Department to select eligible and ineligible beneficiaries of the Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana and avail benefits of government schemes. As per this assessment, 69 eligible beneficiaries of the Shravan Bal Yojana were selected. A total of 55 eligible beneficiaries of the Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana were selected.



Beneficiaries of the Shravan Bal Yojana were made temporarily ineligible (due to lack of documents). 4 Beneficiaries of the Shravan Bal Yojana were rendered ineligible. The list of eligible and ineligible beneficiaries will be published soon. Accordingly, Raju Bhoskar, president of the Parshivani Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar and Shravan Bal Samiti, said that eligible, ineligible and temporarily ineligible beneficiaries will contact the tehsil office and complete the documentation process and avail benefits of government schemes.

Saplings with medicinal values planted at Shri Sadguru Dutt College of Pharmacy



Kuhi 31 December (NAGPUR POST/TC): A plantation drive of medicinal plants was organised at the premises of Shri Sadguru Dutt College of Pharmacy, Kuhi, in collaboration with Rotary Club Nagpur. On the occasion, Umred MLA Sanjay

Meshram, Sana Pandit from Rotary Club, College President Nitin Deshmukh, Secretary Sachin Deshmukh, Principal Dinesh Sakharkar, and Anil Dhawade, and Dinesh Deshmukh planted various types of medicinal plants and provided detailed information about their advantages. Congratulatory wishes were extended on behalf of all the dignitaries present at the event venue.

CMC polls: 565 Nomination papers filed

Chandrapur 31 December: 552 nominations have been filed on the last day of filing nominations for Chandrapur Municipal Corporation General Election 2025-26 on Tuesday (December 30). A total of 565 nomination papers have been filed in 5 offices of the election decision officers on the last day of nomination filing process for municipal corporation general elections.

Scrutiny of the received nominations has begun from 31 December, 2025 (Wednesday) 11 am onwards and the list of valid and nominated candidates will be published immediately after the completion of the scrutiny. The last date for withdrawal of nomination is 2 January, 2026 (Friday) (from 11 am to 3 pm)



and the date of allotment of election symbol is January 3, 2026 (Saturday) (from 11.00 am onwards).

The final list of candidates contesting the election will be

published on the same day.

On the last day of filing, the centre-wise number of nominations filed is as follows: 565

1. Election Adjudicating

Officer Number 1 - (Ward No. 1, 2 and 5) - Nominations filed - 99
2. Election Adjudicating Officer Number 2 - (Ward No. 3, 4 and 6) - Nominations filed - 92
3. Election Adjudicating Officer Number 3 - (Ward No. 7, 8 and 9) - Nominations filed - 82
4. Election Adjudicating Officer Number 4 - (Ward No. 10, 11, 12 and 15) - Nominations filed - 158
5. Election Adjudicator Number 5 - (Ward No. 13, 14, 16 and 17) - Nominations filed - 134.

Ashu Gondane elected BJP group leader in Bhandara Municipal Council

Bhandara 31 December (NAGPUR POST/DC): In the Bhandara Municipal Council elections, the President and 23 corporators of the Bharatiya Janata Party were elected. Accordingly, the elections of the Bharatiya Janata Party group leader were held on Tuesday (December 30).

The election was held under the leadership of senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader Adv. Kailash Bhure. At this time, in a meeting held in the presence of the newly elected BJP President and all corporators, District President Ashu Bhau Gondane was unanimously elected as the BJP group leader. On the occasion, newly elected President Madhura Madankar along with corporators Bhagyashree Kalambe, Chandrakala Bhope,



Kulpreet Kawaljit Singh Chadda, Bhagwan Deorao Bavankar Ritha Shailesh Meshram, Shivshankar Manik Ajale, Priyatai Shailesh Kharole, Asha Harishchandra Uike, Nimish Dhorimare, Vrushali Ajay Brahmankar, Rupali Ravindra Neware, Nitin Gaidhane, Sachin Ghanmare, Priti Avinash Brahmankar, Rajkumar Vyas, Ashish Radheshyam Gondane, Preeti Ishwarilal Gadhave, Mangesh Wanjari, Balli Bhai, Alfia Amir Sheikh, Harishchandra Madavi, Lalit Jambhulkar, Jyoti Harish Mogre and others were prominently present.

Traffic curbs, route diversions announced in city ahead of New Year Celebrations

Nagpur 31 December: With large crowds expected to hit the streets to ring in the New Year, Nagpur police have announced a series of traffic restrictions and route diversions across the city to ensure smooth vehicular movement and public safety on New Year's Eve.

According to an official notification issued by the traffic police, temporary restrictions will be enforced on several key roads from the evening of December 31, 2025.

Authorities anticipate heavy footfall, particularly by youths, which could lead to congestion, rash driving and safety concerns if left unregulated.

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 / Vitabhathi / 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 Odapachin
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 Sweete Kishor Bhisiwar
20-C OBC – Woman Rekha Nimje
20-D Open Hemant Barde

Ward 21 – Premnagar / Nehrupurta/ 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/ Nehrunagar/ Hسانbagh
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

Ward 31 – Reshimbagh
Seat Reservation
Candidate
31-B OBC Ajay Khalatkar
31-C Open – Woman Chandrakant Manohar Khangar
31-D Open – Woman —

Ward 32 – Bajrang Nagar/ Ladikar Layout
Seat Reservation
Candidate
32-A SC – Woman Gunpriya Natthuji Shende
32-B OBC Ritesh Pandey
32-C Open – Woman Rupali Thakur
32-D Open Ram Eknath Kumbhalkar

Ward 33 – Bhagwan Nagar/ Rameshwari
Seat Reservation
Candidate
33-A SC Ankit Sukhdev Chaudhary
33-B OBC Akash Bhede
33-C Open – Woman Vishakha Sharan Bante
33-D Open – Woman Bharti Vikas Bunde

Ward 34 – Mankapur / Omkar Nagar
Seat Reservation
Candidate
34-A SC Nagesh Mankar
34-B ST – Woman Manisha Nagardhankar
34-C OBC – Woman Mangala Khokare
34-D Open Babarao Tayde

Ward 35 – Manish Nagar/ Chichbhavan
Seat Reservation
Candidate
35-A SC —
Ward 36 – Trimurti Nagar/ Khamla
Seat Reservation
Candidate
36-A SC Amol Shyamkule
36-B OBC – Woman Maya Hade
36-C Open – Woman Shivani Dani
36-D Open Ishwar Dhengle

Ward 37 – Gopal Nagar / Subhash Nagar
Seat Reservation
Candidate
37-A SC – Woman Nidhi Telgote
37-B OBC Sanjay Ugle
37-C Open – Woman Ashwini Jichkar
37-D Open Dilip Dive

Ward 38 – Jaytala / Hingna Road
Seat Reservation
Candidate
38-A SC Anand Nitansare
38-B OBC – Woman Pratibha Vinod Raut / Swapna Hiranwar
38-C Open – Woman Maheshwari Patle
Shiv Sena Candidates List

Ward Area
Reservation
Candidate
3 Yashodharanagar
OBC – Woman Komal Talwekar
5 Binaki Mangalwari
ST Yogesh Gonnade
7 Lashkaribagh
Open – Woman Meena Sanjay Tarare
8 Mominpura
ST – Woman Kritika Yogesh Gonnade
9 Mohan Nagar
Open – Woman Pratiksha Chavare
30 Bidpeth Open – Woman Snehal Satish Bihare
31 Reshimbagh
SC Ganesh Charlewar
Nomination Deadline
The last date for filing nominations was December 30 till 3 pm.

Nagar Community’s Sammed Shikharji Pilgrimage to Start from January 3

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.

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

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 Wankar, Dinkar Kadu, Namdeo Raut, Sandeep Thakre Rajendra Nishane, Sandeep Jathe, Praveen Wankhede, Nitin Wankhede, Pramod Maharaj Thakre. The construction work is underway as per the revised plan prepared under the guidance of Vishwa Warkari Seva Sanstha, and the inauguration of the Warkari Bhavan is expected in the year 2026. Since the project of Warkari Bhavan is in the interest of the Warkaris, the construction of the Warkari Bhavan and the subsequent management after construction will be carried out under the supervision of Vishwa Warkari Seva Sanstha and under the guidance of senior members of the community, informed the President of Vishwa Warkari Seva Sanstha, Sandeep Jivalag Kohale.

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.

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

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 Tivari 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 keep 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 Dattatreya 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.

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 is 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.

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.

