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AIMA holds special AGM

NASHIK: The special annual general meeting (AGM) of the Ambad Industries and Manufacturers Association (AIMA) recently took place at the AIMA Recreation Centre, under the leadership of president Lalit Boob. During the meeting, the expenditure reports and other matters, along with the minutes from the previous meeting, were unanimously approved. General secretary Pramod Wagh, BOPP chairman Dnyaneshwar Gopale, vice president Rajendra Pansare, Umesh Kothavade, and other office bearers were present on the dais.



President Lalit Boob presented a three-month review since assuming office, highlighting the progress made by AIMA. He commended the sub-committees for their commendable work and emphasized the efforts of the AIMA Recreation Centre to provide comprehensive facilities and address the

grievances of entrepreneurs and workers. BOPP chairman Dnyaneshwar Gopale praised the dedication and teamwork of AIMA's members. General secretary Pramod Wagh proposed a vote of thanks, and the executive committee addressed various queries raised by the members.

VASANT VYAKHYANMALA

Need for awareness about organ donation: Andhale

NASHIK: Addressing a significant gap between organ donors and patients in need, Santosh Andhale, a senior journalist from Mumbai and an advocate for organ donation, emphasized the urgent need for increased efforts in this field. Speaking at the Arjunsingh memorial lecture during the Vasant Vyakhyanmala, Andhale highlighted the disparity despite advancements in organ donation within the state. While speaking on 'Ad-

vances in Medical Organ Transplant Surgery, Changing Patterns of Organ Donation and Maharashtra', Andhale outlined the various facets of organ donation, including the types of donations possible from brain-dead individuals, and the necessity of obtaining consent. He underscored the significant progress in the sector but noted the substantial demand for organ donations remains unmet. Bhushan Patwardhan, executive director of MSL



Driveline System Company, was present on the dais. In the beginning, a tribute was

paid to late Arjunsingh Bagga. Shrikant Beni, president of Vyakhyanmala, delivered the introductory speech and introduced the guests. Andhale critiqued the gap between the discussion and action on organ donation, presenting statistics that depicted a dire need for more donors. He explained the detailed processes, necessary documentation, and eligibility criteria for organ donation. Furthermore, Andhale reviewed the efforts and

contributions of various organizations involved in this movement. He stressed the need for heightened public awareness and discussed the 'Save Aaradhya Campaign', which raised nearly Rs. 20 lakh but faced challenges in finding a suitable heart for transplant. Despite numerous obstacles, a special campaign and extensive use of social media eventually led to success, illustrating the power of collective effort and awareness.

World No Tobacco Day observed at MUHS

NASHIK: Officials and employees of Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) took an oath to mark World No Tobacco Day. Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. Milind Nikumbh highlighted this year's theme, "Protecting Children from Tobacco Industry Interference." He emphasized that tobacco consumption leads to numerous serious diseases and stressed the importance of raising awareness in schools and colleges to prevent students from falling into

addiction. Registrar Dr. Rajendra Bangal noted that, following directives from the Ministry of Health and Family Wel-



fare of the Union Government, all university officers and employees participated in the oath-taking ceremony. He underscored the need for everyone to be vigilant about personal and social health issues. The programme was coordinated by public relations officer Dr. Swapnil Torane. Present on the occasion were controller of examinations Dr. Sandeep Kadu, finance and accounts officer N V Kalaskar, along with other officers and employees.

ART centre marks 20th anniversary

NASHIK: Dr. Yogesh Pardeshi, chief of the District AIDS Prevention and Control Team, emphasized the importance of regular contact with the NNP Plus organization and the ART centre for individuals living with HIV to address any challenges they may face. The NNP Plus Nashik and the ART centre at the government hospital recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of the ART centre, a significant milestone in supporting people living with HIV (PLHIV). During the event, Dr. Pardeshi and Sunil Thakur from the ART Centre delivered speeches highlighting the critical role these institutions play. NNP Plus has been a pivotal or-

ganization for the past 15 years, providing a range of services from positive prevention and counseling to medication continuity and legal support. They focus on reducing stigma, promoting human rights, conducting home visits, forming self-employment groups, and guiding individuals to improve their lives. The ART medication provided has saved countless lives and stabilized numerous families. Dr. Pardeshi urged all HIV-positive individuals to adhere to ART drug treatment to enhance their protection and quality of life and to reach out to NNP Plus with any concerns. NNP Plus maintains records of 7,000 individuals, including 944 se-

rodiscordant couples and 500 children. The total number of registrations is 16,432, comprising 8,722 males and 6,966 females, along with 32 transgender individuals. Sadly, 4,601 deaths have been recorded. There are also 2,327 cases of lost-to-follow-up (LFU) and 1,650 cases where the treatment was abandoned. Currently, 7,856 people are taking their medication regularly. In 2019, there were 2,008 new registrations, with 553 deaths reported. As of 2024, the number of patients has increased to 19,581, with 4,601 deaths in total. Mahendra Mule noted that ART has significantly reduced mortality rates among PLHIV, said Mahendra Mule.

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TEEN Talks



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Dear teenagers, music is the way to connect with your academics. Music also calms the anxious or stressed mind and you feel more relaxed. Whenever you are angry or burdened, go back to a quiet place and listen to silent or peaceful music and you will be out of all those negative thoughts or unreasonable expectations. The waves of music even connects our outer self to our inner self, so we have better self understanding and we can have better connections outside due to happiness that is released from music. It also expands our imagination so if you want to enter the world of imagination you can enter the world of music. There are many great musicians who conduct concerts. Many work hard for music just to pay a tribute to senior singers or musicians. There are a few of my friends who have their Instagram account dedicated to singers who also sing and justify songs and are great singers. There are innumerable relaxing music notes on internet just go to that world and you will feel cheerful and more creative. Hence, we can say music is like a heartbeat in life which must be continued till our heart beats.



On Sunday, the last day of Nashik Blue Band Sports INRC 2024 Rally of Maharashtra there was a good contest among contestants to win the championship. The seasoned pair of Karna Kadur-Musa Sherif of Arka Motorsports, Bangalore clinched the Overall Championship title. In other categories of INRC, Fabid Ahmer, Arnab Pratap Singh, Sanjay Agarwal in Gypsy category and Shaik Hussain Pasha in Classic category won the title. Nikita Takale-Shivani Parmar maintained their dominance and won the title in the women's category (JNRC).
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