



Saint Nivruttinath Maharaj Palkhi procession with gaiety

NASHIK: The Palkhi procession of Saint Nivruttinath Maharaj was warmly welcomed in Nashik city at the Panchayat Samiti office premises on Saturday. Municipal Commissioner Ashok Karanjkar, Zilla Parishad Chief Executive Officer Ashima Mittal, former MLA Balasaheb Sanap, Kanchan Jagtap, and Mahant Bhakticharan-das Maharaj were present on this occasion.

The route of the procession was adorned with vibrant rangolis and flowers. As part of the welcome, the reception committee of Shri Saint Nivruttinath Maharaj Palkhi Sohala felicitated 50 varkaris, including Narayan Muthal and Narayan Gangurde. Belapurkar, Deoakar Maharaj, Amar Thombre, and Tryambakarao Gaikwad expressed their views. Pundlikrao Thete proposed the vote of thanks.

Later in the day, the procession received another warm reception at Swatantryaveer Veer Savarkar swimming pool on Trimbakeshwar Road, where a pandal was set up. Mohan Belapurkar, Balkrishna Dawre, Narhari Ugal-mugle, Mohanrao Jadhav, and Rahul Barve were welcomed with rose flowers. Health services were provided to the varkaris by Dr. Vasantao Pawar Medical College Hospital, and refreshments were arranged by Uttamrao Gadhav.

Chanting "Ramakrishna Hari, Mauli, Mauli," the Palkhi procession continued its journey amidst enthusiastic welcome from citizens at various points along the way. In the evening, it halted at Ganeshwadi near the Ayurved Hospital in Panchavati and is scheduled to proceed from Muktidham, Nashik Road, today.

President Padmakar Patil and members of the Santh-shresthi Nivrutti Maharaj Palkhi Sohala Nashik Committee, including Sachin Dongre, Ramesh Kadlag, and Shankarao Pujari, were also present.



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Efforts to prevent rift between Maratha & OBC communities: CM Shinde

NASHIK: "Laxman Hake has withdrawn the hunger strike respecting the delegation. A meeting was held in this regard on Friday. Both Deputy Chief Ministers and other Ministers were also present in this meeting. Efforts were made to ensure that there is no rift between the Maratha and OBC communities on the reservation issue. It has been decided to hold an all-party meeting on related issues in the first week of the state assembly session," said Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde was on a visit to Nashik on Saturday. On this occasion, he interacted with media repre-

sentatives. For the past ten days, OBC leaders Laxman Hake and Navnath Waghmare were observing fast unto death at Vadigrodi in Jalana demanding that reservation should not be given to the Maratha community from the OBC category. On Saturday, a government delegation along with Minister Chhagan Bhujbal met them. Following discussions with the delegation, Hake and Waghmare announced to suspend their fast.

Stating that the government is in favour of the farmers as the government is taking decisions in the interests of the farmers, he said that many schemes are being implemented for them.

The Chief Minister said that many questions of teachers have already been addressed. The remaining questions will be resolved after the Code of Conduct is lifted and this government belongs to common people.

He stated, "Our strike rate is higher than Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray faction in the Lok Sabha elections in the state and we won 7 seats out of 13. In our 19 per cent vote share, we have 13.50 per cent share and Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray faction has 5.50 per cent share.

This is a sign of two years' work. I will work for another 6 months."

CM takes darshan of Saint Nivruttinath palanquin

After interacting with teachers' organizations, Chief Minister Shinde took time to pay respects to the palanquin of Saint Nivruttinath during its halt at Ganeshwadi, where he participated in rituals and prayers. Guardian Minister Dadaji Bhuse, MLAs Devyani Parande, Seema Hiray and Suhans Kande, liaison leader Bhaulal Chaudhary, Shiv Sena district chief Ajay Boraste and others were also present.

Deshdoot Samwad Katta

Wari is a spiritual journey



NASHIK: The Pandharichi Wari offers a profound opportunity for introspection, shedding ego, and transforming behaviour. Emphasizing self-discipline, self-care, and the image of the Warkari sect, participants in the Wari cultivate empathy, discipline, and love, guided by both principles and affection. This transformative experience underscores why the sect encourages everyone to undertake the Wari at least once, reflected through discussions.

Dr. Vaishali Balajiwal, editor of daily Deshdoot and Deshdoot Times,

interacted with respected Kanchan Tai Jagtap, chairperson of Saint Nivruttinath Charitable Trust on the topic of 'Pandharichi Wari' during Samwad Katta, organised by daily Deshdoot Times.

This annual pilgrimage dedicated to Lord Vitthal is not merely a physical journey but a spiritual odyssey that fosters profound personal growth and communal harmony. Historically organized with love and fervour by local communities, the Wari now receives governmental support, yet its essence remains

rooted in the active participation and devotion of villagers.

For Warkaris, the journey is a test of faith and endurance, where physical hardships are transcended by spiritual fulfillment and the grace of Lord Vitthal, further discussions reflected.

Participants from diverse backgrounds, including highly educated individuals, embrace the Wari with unwavering discipline, driven by a shared commitment to uphold the dignity of their sect. Each step taken during the Wari symbolizes a sacred circumambulation of the earth, a spiritual practice that transcends worldly concerns and elevates the soul.

In conclusion, Kanchan Tai Jagtap stressed the universal significance of experiencing the Wari, urging every citizen to take part in this transformative journey that offers solace, unity, and the highest spiritual joy through devotion.

International Widows' Day

Let's resolve to support widows with dignity

NASHIK: Over the past four years, constructive steps have been taken to help widows live with self-respect through remarriage, counselling, skill-based training, and employment opportunities. These efforts have offered new hope and stability to many widows.

Today, June 23rd, marks International Widows' Day. state coordinator Raju Shirasath, along with Dr. Mukteshwar Munshettywar, Shobha Kale, Yashoda Parvatkar, Dr. Prof. Sindhu Kakade, Pratibha Patil, Kalyani Pawar, Sheela Kulkarni, Nishikant Pagare, and others, have worked tirelessly to integrate these women into the mainstream of society and bring joy back into their lives.

The theme for International Widows' Day 2024, "Equitable Land Rights," emphasizes the critical issue of land and inheritance rights for widows. This theme aims to shed light on the significant socio-economic challenges that widows face when they are denied their rightful inheritance and property rights.

In 1954, Pushpavati Lumba, mother of Lord Lumba

Foundation founder Bhagwan Lumba, became a widow at the age of 37. Witnessing the widespread poverty and injustice faced by widows, Bhagwan Lumba dedicated himself to advocating for their dignity and protection. His efforts led to the establishment of International Widows' Day to raise public awareness and improve the lives of widows.

Since 2020, significant efforts have been made in Nashik to honour and protect widow women, especially in response to the increased number of widows during the COVID-19 pandemic. Previously, societal attitudes towards widows were often negative, and they faced many hardships and discriminatory practices.

This began to change in 2019 under the leadership of Pramod Zinzade, a senior social worker from Karmale, Solapur. He initiated a campaign for a Widows' Dignity and Protection Act in Maharashtra. The movement involved holding gram sabhas and honouring widows like any other women, successfully advocating for their rights. The Rural Development Department

issued a government order banning discriminatory practices, following a resolution passed by the Herbad Gram Panchayat in Kolhapur district.

Inspired by the Maharashtra movement, the Goa government passed a law to protect the dignity and rights of widows, setting a precedent for justice. Discussions were held in the Maharashtra Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, with promises to review and amend women's policy laws to address these issues. However, the change in government has left these promises unfulfilled.

The National Human Rights Commission has instructed both central and state governments to address the issues faced by widows and report back within two months. Widows should be granted the same rights and protections as all women. Today, let's resolve to support and respect widows, ensuring their dignity and protection.

Monsoon session of State Legislature

Hoarding scam to be highlighted

NASHIK: There would be a heated discussion during the upcoming monsoon session of the State Legislature as the issue of hoarding scam in Nashik will be raised in it.

Leader of Opposition in the State Legislature, Ambadas Danve, has sought information regarding the scam from the Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC). This issue will be prominently featured with a starred question raised by Danve during the session, slated to commence next week.

The controversy stems from irregularities surrounding a tender process initiated by the NMC

for the installation of hoardings across 28 open spaces within municipal limits. Allegations surfaced that the contractor to whom the contract was awarded was permitted to place advertisement boards in various unauthorized locations such as roads, traffic islands, dividers, buildings, and parks, contrary to the tender conditions.

The Nashik Outdoor Advertising Welfare Association has accused employees of the Advertising and Licensing Department of colluding to manipulate contract terms, leading to a financial scam estimated in crores. The tender process, initiated

on December 16, 2021, came under scrutiny after these allegations were made public.

Following a complaint lodged with Municipal Commissioner Dr. Ashok Karanjkar, an investigative committee led by Additional Mu-

nicipal Commissioner Pradeep Chaudhary was formed to probe the matter. However, due to the enforcement of the Code of Conduct for Lok Sabha elections, progress on the investigation was halted temporarily.

Investigation is still on

When Ambadas Danve, the Leader of the Opposition in the state legislature asked for information about the hoarding case, it was given to him. We have answered the queries he had. Also, the investigation into the matter is still going on and it has not been completed yet.

- Vivek Bhadane, Dy Municipal Commissioner (tax), NMC

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