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**KHARIF SEASON**

**63.42% sowing completed in district**

**NASHIK:** With timely and adequate rainfall across many parts of Nashik district, farmers have commenced sowing activities for the Kharif season. This year, maize continues to dominate as the most sown crop, with significant progress also seen in the cultivation of cotton, soybean, mung bean, bajra, and groundnut. As of July 6, 63.42% of the district's sowing has been completed.

The district has earmarked 641,771 hectares for the Kharif season, with sowing already accomplished on 417,358 hectares. Notably, maize leads the way, hav-

ing been sown on 212,141 hectares, representing 97.71% of the planned area. Farmers have shown a strong preference for cultivating maize, soybean, groundnut, mung bean, tur, and bajra. Among these, soybean has been sown over an area exceeding its average, with 84,144.9 hectares sown compared to the average of 76,235.3 hectares. Mung bean has been sown on 18,239.3 hectares, and bajra on 57,695.7 hectares. In areas receiving less rainfall, crops like tur and urad have been favoured.

Cereal crops also see substantial sowing activity across the district, though paddy cultivation remains

minimal, with only 2,366.75 hectares sown out of a total designated area of 87,488.97 hectares. Meanwhile, oilseeds have been sown on 9,691.4 hectares.



**DETAILED SOWING STATISTICS**

Crop	Average Area (hectares)	Actual Sown Area	Percentage
Millet crops	449,852.87	272,608.75	60.6%
Cereal crops	36,605.56	20,821.45	56.88%
Cotton	46,048.41	27,837	60.45%
Sugarcane	16,320.01	5.3	0.03%

**SOWING DATA OF LAST TWO YEARS**

2022: Average area - 656,490 hectares; Actual sown - 648,829.89 hectares (98.83% sowing)  
2023: Average area - 656,091 hectares; Actual sown - 641,478.07 hectares (98.48% sowing)



Panchmukhi Hanuman temple, located at Old Adgaon Naka in Nashik city organized the Shri Jagannath Rath Yatra in the city on Sunday morning. A large number of devotees participated in it. (Pic: Satish Deyghire)

**Police recruitment: 15 candidates absent for written exam**

**NASHIK:** The written examination for the recruitment of constables in the city and rural police forces took place on Sunday following the selection of candidates based on field test results. However, 15 candidates for the city police force were absent from the examination. Immediately after the examination, both city and rural police authorities released the answer keys.

During the examination, which was held at KTHM College for the city police force and Bhujbal Knowledge City for the rural police force, candidates were required to present biometric attendance between 7 am and 9 am. Only their chest numbers, Aadhaar cards, and admit cards were permitted.

The written examination was conducted from 11 am to 12 noon, and by afternoon, the city police announced the release of the answer key.

**Shingade murder case Two arrested**

**NASHIK:** In a shocking turn of events, a hardened thief, Pandurang alias Pandya Shingade, was brutally murdered by his associates, fed up with his relentless harassment and frequent beatings by him under the influence of alcohol. The chilling details behind the murder in Panchsheel Nagar, Ganajmal, have finally come to light. The Bhadrakali police, along with the anti-goonda squad, have apprehended the main mastermind and a minor accomplice from Satpur.

The court has remanded both suspects to police custody until July 10.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Kailas Nandu Gaikwad, a resident of Ganjamal, Nashik, and Hritihik alias Ladya Ramdas Gaikwad,

a 21-year-old from Panchsheel Nagar. A 16-and-a-half-year-old boy, also involved in the crime, has been detained. The trio had been hiding in the Phashicha Dongar area of Satpur, concealing their identities after committing the murder.

Motivated by a long-standing grudge and a desire for revenge, the three suspects broke into Pandya's house in the early hours of Thursday, July 4. They attacked him while he was asleep near the Durga Devi temple in Panchsheel Nagar, inflicting over 15 stab wounds on his arms and back with a sharp chopper, leading to his gruesome death.

Following the murder, the suspects fled the scene. Acting on the directives of senior police inspector

Gajendra Patil and police inspector Vikram Mohite, assistant inspector Vasant Pawar and his team launched a manhunt. The following day, Pawar's team successfully apprehended Kailas and Hritihik. Concurrently, assistant inspector Dnyaneshwar Mohite of the anti-goonda squad detained the third suspect in Phashicha Dongar.

A case has been registered against the attackers at Bhadrakali police station under Sections 103(1) and 3(5), 351(2) (3) of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, based on a complaint filed by Vikas Shingade, the brother of the deceased. During interrogation, Kailas confessed and revealed Hritihik's involvement. Further investigations are being carried out by API Pawar.

**A plan fuelled by growing frustration**

The deceased, Pandya, had been a close friend of the suspects. They often engaged in activities together. However, in recent months, Pandya's behaviour had changed. Under the influence of alcohol, he frequently

asserted his dominance over Kailas, Hritihik, and others, leading to physical altercations. Unable to endure this treatment any longer, the suspects plotted and executed the murder while Pandya was sleeping.

**Contaminated water supply at Wadalagaon**

**NASHIK:** Residents of Wadalagaon in Nashik city are grappling with severe issues arising from contaminated water supply. Numerous complaints have surfaced regarding muddy and contaminated water being supplied to households, leading to widespread discontent among the locals. Many residents have been compelled to purchase drinking water due to this.

The municipal water supply department has come under sharp criticism by residents for failing to deliver clean drinking water, especially during the monsoon season. The situation has resulted in a surge of health problems such as stomachaches, diarrhea, and nausea-vomiting among residents. Despite water tanks are sourced from the Gandhinagar water purification centre, which is nearby, citizens question about how contaminated water continues to be supplied.

**GST amnesty scheme beneficial for taxpayers: CA Munot**



**NASHIK:** The recent 53rd GST Council meeting, held after nearly 250 days, brought significant relief to traders and entrepreneurs across India. Changes and decisions made during the meeting have addressed many concerns, reducing the dissatisfaction among taxpayers, professionals, and the business community, according to CA Swapnil Munot, a GST law expert.

To disseminate the crucial updates from the meeting, the North Maharashtra Tax Practitioners Association organized a webinar for tax consultants, practitioners, advocates, CAs, and business-

men. Munot highlighted four key decisions from the GST Council meeting that are particularly beneficial to the business community - Extended period for GST Input tax credit, amnesty scheme for interest and penalties, reduction in deposit for appeals and no interest on delayed returns with timely tax payments.

Deputy Commissioner of Central GST (Audit), Nashik division, Sandeep Heidau, presided over the programme and emphasized the benefits of the changes in the GST Act for taxpayers. He urged taxpayers to cooperate with GST audits by maintaining

timely accounting records and addressing any issues promptly.

Other officials present included Deputy Commissioner Avadhesh Sharma and Assistant Commissioners Manohar Wagh, Vasant Tuplondhe, and Ashok Sarkar. Neeta Dongre made the introductory speech, while CA Chetan Patil compered the programme, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Nayan Nirhali. The webinar attracted a large number of tax professionals from North Maharashtra, Ahmednagar, Nashik, Malegaon, Dhule, Solapur, Satara, Kolhapur, and even from outside Maharashtra.

**Workshop for teachers held**



**NASHIK:** A two-day innovative workshop titled 'Gamification: Learning English Grammar through Games' was held for MVP primary teachers at Adv. Baburao Ganpatrao Thakare Engineering College. A total of 56 primary teachers from various MVP schools across the district participated in the workshop. Rashmi Jain-Baheti, principal of PM Shree Kendriya Col-

lege in Ahmedabad, demonstrated how to teach English grammar through engaging games. She emphasized that traditional recitation methods, typically used only for examinations, do not have lasting retention. However, teaching through interactive games ensures that children remember the material for life, making learning enjoyable and preventing boredom.

MVP general secretary Adv. Nitin Thakare, education officer Dr. K S Shinde, and D D Jadhav visited the workshop.

The teachers trained in the workshop will return to their respective schools to share the new teaching techniques with their colleagues. These techniques will then be used to enhance student learning through this innovative approach.

**Investiture ceremony at K N Kela Primary School**

**NASHIK:** The Kelaite celebrated the Investiture ceremony with great zeal and enthusiasm on Tuesday, 3rd July, 2024 in the school quadrangle. Shradha Nalamwar was present as chief guest and gave the badges and house shashes to the Board of Honour.

Deepali Pagare and Sunita Lahange compered the programme, while Latha Pillai made the introductory speech and vote of thanks was proposed by

Leena Sonawane. The Headgirl and the Headboy along with the House Captain, Vice Captain, Perfects and Class Monitors took the oath to perform their duties sincerely. Headmistress Mangala Ekhande and PT teacher Amrita Gangurde guided the students and motivated them to shoulder their responsibility sincerely.

PTA-MTA members were present for the programme.



**YCMOU: Admissions for drone technology courses**

**NASHIK:** Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU) has started admissions for certificate courses focusing on drone technology through its distance education faculty. Prospective students can apply online, with the deadline for admissions set for July 31st.

The courses offered include: Drone System Introduction Programme; Understanding Drone Operation; Types of Drones; Drone Safety Sessions; Simulator Flying Drone System Intermediate Program; Principles of Aeronautics, Robotics, and Electronics etc.

**STAMP DUTY DEFAULTERS**

**Second phase of amnesty scheme extended**

**NASHIK:** The second phase of the amnesty scheme for stamp duty defaulters in Maharashtra has been extended until August 31, according to Joint District Registrar and Collector (Stamp), Kailas Davange. The scheme now also applies to residents of buildings developed on sites managed by the Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Corporation (MHADA), City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO), Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC), Municipal Corporations, and Nagar Panchayats.

The Amnesty Scheme 2023, initially targeting defaulters from 1980 to 2000, was set to run in two phases: from December 1, 2023, to January 31, 2024,

and from February 1, 2024, to March 31, 2024. After the initial period ended, it was extended until June 30, 2024. With the latest extension, the scheme will now continue until August 31, 2024.

Davange has urged the citizens to take full advantage of this extended deadline. The scheme covers cases where the first allotment letter, share certificate, or agreement was issued or executed on unstamped paper or letterhead for residential or non-residential units. This applies to properties managed by MHADA, CIDCO, MIDC, Municipal Corporations, Nagar Panchayats, or any sanctioned or established Development or Planning Authority.