

NMC intensifies anti-encroachment drive

NASHIK: In response to the escalating issue of encroachment and resulting traffic jams in Nashik, the municipal corporation has launched a special anti-encroachment drive. While residential areas are typically spared during the monsoon season, the municipality has targeted markets and commercial areas for immediate action.

The drive is focusing on various forms of encroachment, including small and large shop signs, plastic coverings, shopkeepers displaying their wares on the streets, and items such as iron nets, boards, chairs, and tables obstructing the roads.

On July 31, under the directives of Municipal Anti-Encroachment Deputy Commissioner Dr.

Mayur Patil, enforcement actions were carried out in bustling areas like Shalimar, Main Road, Dhupal Point, Mahatma Gandhi Road, and other locations in both the West and East divisions. The operation resulted in the seizure of about four truckloads of materials, much to the satisfaction of local citizens.

As the encroachment department team arrived on Main Road, many shopkeepers voluntarily cleared their encroachments. Citizens have called for the department to maintain such strict enforcement regularly. Approximately 50 municipal officials and employees participated in this rigorous drive, supported by a strong police presence to ensure order and security.



Kale remanded to police custody

NASHIK: Arun Kale, the former secretary of the Nashik Agricultural Produce Market Committee, has been remanded to five days of police custody following his arrest for the misappropriation of Rs 90 lakhs. Kale is accused of defrauding the market committee by printing and using fake receipt books.

When Kale was presented in court on Wednesday, the judge ordered his police custody from Monday until August 5.

The Panchavati police station had earlier registered a case against Kale, who allegedly embezzled market committee fees by creating and using fake receipt books in the name of the committee. The Panchavati Police apprehended him for his involvement in this fraudulent scheme, which involved altering official books and collecting fees based on the counterfeit receipt books.

Guidelines for Shravan Somvar Yatra

NASHIK: With the auspicious Shravan Somvar approaching, an influx of two to three lakh devotees is expected at Trimbakeshwar

has issued important guidelines to ensure the safety and smooth conduct of the yatra.

Superintendent of Police Vikram Deshmane has emphasized the importance of following these guidelines for the safety and convenience of all pilgrims.

He has appealed to citizens to cooperate fully with the police administration to ensure a peaceful and secure yatra.

The Shravan Somvar yatra is a significant spiritual event, drawing devotees from various regions. With the expected large turnout, the police department is taking proactive measures to manage the crowds and maintain order. Adherence to these guidelines will help in preventing any untoward incidents and ensuring that devotees can participate in the yatra with peace of mind.



from August 5 to September 2, 2024, for the darshan and circumambulation (Pheri) of the sacred Brahmagiri mountain. In light of this, Superintendent of Police Nashik (Rural), Vikram Deshmane,

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Kapaleshwar, Someshwar temples

During the auspicious month of Shravan, Shri Kapaleshwar Temple on Gangaghat in Nashik city and Trimbakeshwar Temple, one of the twelve Jyotirlingas located in Trimbakeshwar, witness an influx of lakhs of devotees. In response to this significant gathering, Superintendent of Police Vikram Deshmane held a review meeting to provide crucial instructions for managing the crowd and ensuring safety. Additionally, City Police Commissioner Sandeep Karnik conducted a thorough review of the Shiva temples in the city, alongside police officers from Panchavati and Gangapur police stations.

Eco-friendly Ganesh idol-making workshop

NASHIK: The Savangadi Sanstha Nashik, known for its various social activities such as street play competitions, tree plantation drives, environmental conservation initiatives, and sports events, is once again hosting its annual eco-friendly Ganesh idol-making workshop. This event is a significant part of their commitment to promoting sustainable practices within the community.

Scheduled for Sunday, August 4, from 9 am to 12 pm, the workshop will take place in the auditorium of Sri Kalikadevi Mandir Sansthan. Participants will be provided with Shadu clay, bases, and necessary tools by the organization, ensuring they have everything needed to create beautiful and eco-friendly Ganesh idols. On-the-spot registrations will be available from 8:30 am

on the day of the workshop.

The workshop aims to encourage the use of environmentally friendly materials

in the creation of Ganesh idols, promoting sustainability during the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations. Sangeeta Hingmire and Sadhana Baiche, the coordinators of the event, have made a heartfelt appeal to all Ganesh enthusiasts to participate in this workshop and contribute to a greener festival.

The success of this event is being driven by the dedicated efforts of Savita Bhusare, Vineet Hingmire, Durga Baiche, and other officials of the organization. Their hard work and commitment ensure that the workshop runs smoothly and effectively, providing a valuable experience for all attendees.



Carrom competition kicks off today

NASHIK: The Nashik District Carrom Association is set to host the Nashik District Championships and Selection Test for junior boys and girls today, August 1. This eagerly anticipated event will take place at Yashwant Vyayamshala.

The competition is divided into two age groups: under 18 and under 21 for both boys and girls. Players in the under-18 category must have a birth date on or after July 31, 2005, while those in

the under-21 category must have a birth date on or after July 31, 2002.



Participants are requested to arrive at the competition venue by 2 pm today. Based on their performance, six boys and six girls from the under-18 group, and two

boys and two girls from the under-21 group, will be selected to represent Nashik District in the 57th Maharashtra State Championship Carrom Tournament, scheduled for August 6, 2024, in Mumbai.

The Nashik District Carrom Association encourages as many players as possible from the district to take part in this prestigious tournament, offering a chance to showcase their skills and compete at a higher level.

Swami Vivekananda Vidyalaya Raising wildlife awareness on Tiger Day

NASHIK: In celebration of International Tiger Day, Swami Vivekananda Vidyalaya Panchavati, run by the Swami Vivekananda Society, hosted a significant wildlife awareness programme. The event saw the participation of Headmaster Kishore Zoting, Senior Deputy Teacher Neelima Patil, District Forest Officer of the Social Forestry Department Ganesh Ranadive, and Abhijit Mahale of the Eco Echo Foundation.

Abhijit Mahale, representing the Eco Echo Club, delivered an en-



lightening presentation on tiger sightings and common misconceptions about tigers and leopards in the surrounding ar-

reas. By showcasing various photos and videos of leopard habitats through a PowerPoint presentation, Mahale aimed to dispel

fears and misunderstandings about these majestic creatures. As part of the event, students from the Harit Sena and Eco Club created paintings and posters to raise awareness about International Tiger Day. The programme commenced with the introduction of the chief guests. In a digital inauguration during Education Week, District Forest Officer Ganesh Ranadive officially launched the Eco Club.

Headmaster Zoting honored the guests by presenting them with shawls, Shrifal, and Tulsi plants. In his address, Ranadive emphasized the importance of establishing the National Green Army and Eco Club to foster environmental awareness among the younger generation. He highlighted the efforts of social forestry and the

Maharashtra government in providing a sustainable and beautiful environment for future generations, stating that initiatives like this can help mitigate the effects of global warming. Ranadive also encouraged students to actively participate in art, sports, and co-curricular activities alongside their academic pursuits.

Deputy teacher Yogesh Deore led the attendees in pledging to conserve forests and wildlife, while Mansi Joshi expressed gratitude to the chief guests for their attendance. The programme was introduced by Pradeepsingh Patil. Senior teachers Arun Jadhav, Santosh Udar, Pundalik Bagul, Sandeep Deore, and Manisha Kale, along with other teachers and students, were also present at the event.

STATE-LEVEL JUMP ROPE

Nashik excels across all categories

NASHIK: The Nashik District Jump Rope Association, in collaboration with Asmita Darshan Mahila Mandal and under the aegis of the Maharashtra Jump Rope Association, recently hosted a prestigious 7th Maharashtra State Jump Rope Federation Cup Championship. The event, held in conjunction with the Uttamraoji Dhikle Sports Foundation, saw Nashik teams achieving remarkable success across all categories.

The competition featured four distinct groups: boys and girls under 18, and senior groups for both boys and girls. Nashik's athletes shone brightly in each category, with hundreds of participants from across Maharashtra vying for top honors. The atmosphere at the national standards stadium was electric, with well-organized arrangements ensuring a smooth and enjoyable experience for all competitors.

The two-day event received



invaluable support from MLA Uttamraoji Dhikle, whose contributions were instrumental in its success. Distinguished guests included Venkatesh More, Youth President of the All India Maratha Federation, Ashok Kadam, Rural District President, Shiv Chhatrapati Award winner Ashok Dudhare, and Anand Khare. Their presence added to the event's prestige and enthusiasm.

In addition, the event was graced by Deepak Nikam, General Secretary of the Maharashtra Jump Rope Associa-

tion, Treasurer Prashant Paragankar, and Vice President of the Jump Rope Federation of India, Vikram Dudhare. They were joined by the parents and coach of Sarvesh Kushare, an athlete recently selected for the Olympic Games.

MLA Dhikle extended his best wishes to the Maharashtra players set to participate in the upcoming international tournament in Japan.

He expressed his commitment to supporting athletes aspiring to compete in national and international events, with

the aim of bringing pride to Maharashtra. Anand Khare and Ashok Dudhare pledged to work towards having jump rope included in the Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, and the Olympic Games.

The award ceremony was attended by several notable figures, including Snehal Salunkhe, Deputy Director of Nashik Division, Sports and Youth Services, Government of Maharashtra; Rahul Deshmukh, Director of R D Group; Chhatrapati Awardee Raju Shinde; Deepak Nikam;

RESULTS

Boys Under 18 Years

1. Nashik
2. Jalna
3. Yavatmal

Girls Under 18 Years

1. Nashik
2. Thane
3. Nandurbar

Senior Group Boys

1. Nashik
2. Mumbai Suburbs
3. Jalna

Senior Group Girls

1. Nashik
2. Nandurbar
3. Thane

Vikram Dudhare; and Kunal Ahire. Nashik's exceptional performance in this state-level jump rope championship not only showcased the city's talent but also highlighted the potential for further achievements on national and international stages.

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