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Show empathy for defaulter farmers: MP Waje to banks



NASHIK: In a meeting held at the District Collectorate, MP Rajabhau Waje urged banks to empathize with defaulter farmers and reconsider their approach to distribute crop loans. He instructed banks to provide crop loans to farmers, irrespective of their Cibil score, after understanding the reasons behind their repayment

MP Waje, along with District Collector Jalaj Sharma, conducted a quarterly review meeting of banks to assess various schemes of Economic Development Corporations and the distribution of loans through banks. During the meeting, MP Waje issued several directives to bank officials.

He stated that while banks traditionally prioritize borrowers with a good repayment history for crop loans, they should also extend financial support to farmers facing repayment challenges. MP Waje stressed that understanding the reasons for loan defaults is crucial before making distributing crop loan, urging banks not to solely rely on Cibil

Furthermore, MP Waje cautioned against imposing stringent conditions on financial assistance provided to women self-help groups. He announced that the instructions given during this meeting will be reviewed in the next quarterly meeting scheduled in three months. MP Waje also warned that complaints against noncompliant banks will be reported to higher authorities.

District Collector Jalaj Sharma added that bank officials must attend taluka-level meetings regularly to ensure effective communication and implementation of financial schemes. The meeting was attended by divisional manager C B Singh and manager Bhiwa Lavate from Bank of Maharashtra, Amol Lohkare from NABARD, Ganesh Sarode, and other officials from various Corporations.

Water supply in ward no. 31 to resume soon

NASHIK: The regular water supply to Nisarg Mhada, Shani Temple area, Mhada Colony, and Survey No. 327 in Prabhag number 31 can be restored soon.

For the past 3 to 4 years, residents in this area have been grappling with irregular and low-pressure water supply, causing significant inconvenience. Despite numerous appeals to corportors and municipal authorities, the issue remained unresolved, prompting protests and dem-

Seeking a solution, residents approached Anil Gaikwad, Nashik district president of Right to Information Act, Janajagruti Abhiyan Kendra, highlighting the severity of the water problem. Gaikwad intervened by engaging with municipal authorities and arranging a site visit for water supply officials. Following their inspection, a proposal amounting to Rs. 74,99827 was submitted by Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) to the state government for approval to install a new water pipeline in the area.

Gaikwad confirmed that once the proposal receives approval, the installation work for the new pipeline will commence, addressing the long-standing water supply issues faced by the residents.

AIMA-Nashik **Business Meet-3 to** be held in Aug

Business Meet-3, which will be a milestone for small and medium entrepreneurs in Nashik to create a revolution in the industrial sector, has been organized on August 22nd and 23rd at Hotel Radisson Blu, informed AIMA president Lalit Boob in a press conference.

The Meet will feature a series of seminars where speakers from various fields will provide guidance to attendees. More than 200 representatives are expected to participate, showcasing their products to representatives of large-scale industries.

High-ranking officials from 60 to 70 major industries based in Chennai, Bangalore, Chandigarh, Mumbai, and other parts of the country, as well as consulate generals from Japan, Germany, Italy, and Taiwan, will attend this B2B meet.

Ravindra Mahadevkar, chairman of the Meet, stated that the AIMA B2B Meet will offer a significant opportunity for businesses to attract new customers and establish a robust network of contacts. This platform will enable Nashik's industries to display their innovative products and capabilities.

The press conference was also attended by AIMA vice president Rajendra Pansare, Yogesh Kothavde, secretary Pramod Wagh, other office bearers and executive members of AIMA.

Special focus on three sectors

The Meet will particularly focus on industries related to Nashik's key sectors: automobile, electrical, and electric vehicles. According to AIMA president Lalit Boob, while efforts are being made to attract large-scale industries to Nashik, this Meet aims to provide local entrepreneurs with opportunities both within the country and abroad.

Builder arrested for robbing elderly couple

branch unit I team has arrested three individuals, including a builder, who forcibly entered the bungalow of an elderly couple on College Road, attacked them with a knife, and stole jewellery, documents, and passports. The crime was committed with the intent to seize the couple's property.

Thearrested suspects include builder Ajit Prakash Pawar, a resident of Laxminagar, College Road; his accomplice Sandeep Bharat Ranbawle, a resident of Sharanpur Road; and Mahadev Baburao Khandare, a resident of D'Souza Colony. A juvenile has also been detained. The police are still searching for other suspects, Arun alias Baban Gaikwad and Nandkishore Ranbawle.

The incident occurred on April 16 at 10:30 pm, when the suspects broke into the bungalow named 'Tapasvi' in front of BYK College. They assaulted the elderly couple, Shashi Kumar Madhavrao Tapasvi (74), ellery, cash, debit and credit cards, bank documents, passports, and Aadhaar cards.

Commissioner of Police Sandeep Karnik had ordered an immediate resolution of the case filed with the Gangapur

Following this directive, crime branch unit I officials Panwal conducted a technical investigation, which led them to the suspects' location near Gadge Maharaj bridge.

Under the supervision of senior inspector Madhukar Kad, assistant inspector Hemant Todkar, and sub-inspector Chetan Shrivant, a trap was set.

The suspects were apprehended as they arrived on a motorcycle bearing the number MH 18 E 6089.

During interrogation, they confessed to the assault and robbery, revealing that builder Ajit Pawar had orchestrated

Builder threatens elderly couple

Two months prior to the robbery, suspected builder Pawar visited the Tapasvi bungalow and threatened the elderly couple, demanding they vacate the property. When the couple refused, he enticed workers with a promise of a ten percent commission.

It has also been reported that two other builders had previously threatened the couple. Pawar, who has three construction projects underway in Nashik, aimed to seize the bungalow and land for a new development.

With the couple's children living abroad, Pawar planned to use threats and violence to gain control of their property.

Police recruitment

Candidates to receive extra marks

NASHIK: In a recent development, the City Commissionerate has announced that candidates who appeared for the written examination for recruitment for the city police force will receive extra marks due to ambiguities found in two of the examination questions. The examination, held on Sunday, aimed to fill 118 vacant posts, with 1,197 candidates partici-

An issue arose when it was discovered that two questions contained ambiguous answer options. One such question asked, "How many years does the Kumbh Mela take place?" with the provided options being twelve, six, three, and nine. The lack of specification about the location of the Kumbh Mela led to both the options twelve and three being considered correct, as the festival occurs every three years in a rotation among four locations and every twelve years at each specific

Given this ambiguity, the Commissionerate has decided to drop these questions and award one additional mark per question to all candidates. This decision was confirmed in the answer key released after the examination, following a review of objections raised by candidates.

Of the 1,197 candidates, 15 were absent on the examination day. The revised answer key, issued on Monday, clarified that the disputed question regarding the Kumbh Mela was misleading. Consequently, the question was cancelled, and candidates who answered it will receive one extra mark.

Background of Kumbh Mela question

The Kumbh Mela is a significant pilgrimage and festival in India, held at four different sites: Prayagraj, Ujjain, Nashik (Godavari and Trimbakeshwar), and Haridwar. The festival occurs once every twelve years at each site but is observed every three years in rotation across the four locations. This periodic cycle led to the confusion in the examination question, which did not specify a particular site or the general occurrence in India, thereby making both options twelve and three correct.

Prohibitory orders imposed in city

NASHIK: In a bid to maintain law and order, Commissioner of Police Sandeep Karnik has imposed prohibitory orders within the City Commissionerate limits from July 8 to July 22. This measure comes as a precautionary step ahead of Muharram on July 17 and amid ongoing social and political tensions.

The state has been witnessing divisions among various political parties, leading to accusations and heightened tensions. Additionally, there are ongoing agitations concerning Maratha, Dhangar, and OBC reservations. In light of these circumstances, the Commissionerate has deemed it necessary to enforce these orders to prevent any potential disturbances and ensure peace in

Under these prohibitory orders, citizens are restricted from carrying inflammable or explosive materials. Items such as stones, weapons, axes, spears, sticks, pistols, knives, scythes, and guns are strictly prohibited.

The display or cremation of effigies or images of any person is also banned. Further restrictions include a ban on shouting, playing musical instruments, provocative speech or behaviour, performing Maha Aarti in public places, flying flags on vehicles, distributing sweets, bursting firecrackers, and making comments in public

Additionally, gatherings of five or more people without prior permission, as well as unauthorized meetings or processions, are prohibited.

Power disruptions

UBT warns of agitation



NASHIK: The Ud-Balasaheb Thackeray (UBT) faction has issued a stern warning of a protest against continuous power disruptions in area. On Monday, UBT office bearers met with the Chief Engineer of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd (MSEDCL), Padalkar, at

Indiranagar-Wadala the Nashik Road office to discuss the ongoing issue.

During the meeting,

MP Rajabhau Waje questioned the officials about the electricity problems. He demanded a timeline for when the issue would be resolved and inquired the challenges MSEDCL might be facing. District head Sudhakar Badgujar intensified the pressure by posing technical questions to the officials, leaving them hesitant and unsure in their

responses. The UBT has given

MSEDCL a ten-day ultimatum to resolve the power issues affecting Indiranagar, Pathardi, Kamatwada, Satpur, and the entire Nashik area. Failure

to do so will result in a

Shiv Sena-style protest.

Originally, a meeting was scheduled for Sunday at the Rajasarathi Society hall in Indiranagar, but no MSEDCL officials attended it. Consequently, the meeting was rescheduled and held at the Nashik Road office on Monday, where residents voiced their concerns.

The meeting participation from key UBT leaders, including joint liaison chief Datta Gaikwad, metropolitan chief Vilas Shinde, former MLA Vasant Gite, former Mayor Vinayak Pande, and other office bearers and residents.

Students excel in Scholarship Exam

NASHIK: Students from Matoshree Geetabai Patil Secondary School, run by Dnyan Sadhana Shikshan Prasarak Sanstha in Mahiravani, Nashik taluka, have achieved commendable success in the Pre-Secondary Scholarship (Std. 8th) examination. Seven students from the school have been included in the recently declared scholarship merit

list for the year 2024, Out of 19 eligible students from the school, the following seven have secured places in the merit list: Anushka Wagh, Ishwari Lone, Shraddha Chothe, Riya Patil, Aryan Salve, Vedant Khandbahale, and Ritesh Khand-

These students will receive a scholarship amounting to Rs. 7,500 per year (Rs. 750 per month) for the next two years.

Gynacs promote health awareness through Vari



NASHIK: Embracing the significance of the Pandharpur Vari, a cherished tradition in Marathi culture, the Nashik Obstetrics and Gynaecologist Society (NOGS) organized a unique Vari called 'Vari Stree Arogyachi' to promote women's health awareness. During the Vari, doctors wore traditional attire, and the area resonated with chants dedicated to Lord Vitthal.

The Vari commenced from Manohar Garden in Govind Nagar and returned after making a round in the area. Central to the Vari was the Palkhi, a symbol of the Wari pilgrimage, which became a focal point of attraction. This Palkhi carried books containing vital informa-

tion on women's health. Additionally, abhangs, traditional devotional songs, were composed on topics such as gender equality, importance of calcium tablets during pregnancy, and cervical cancer. Infor-

Dr. Nisha Patil played a key role in supporting the

of the public.

mative banners on these

subjects drew the attention

Purpose of the Vari project

Innovative activities are a hallmark of NOGS, and this Vari was organized to raise awareness about women's health. The importance of women's health was explained through this Vari. While women are often dedicated to taking care of their households, their own health is equally important. Our aim is to instill this understanding and emphasize the significance of women's well-being.
- Dr. Sangita Wagh,

chairperson, NGOS

Vari. Special efforts were also made by secretary Dr. Anjali Kulkarni, Dr. Aarti Kulkarni, Dr. Vijay Loharkar, and other members of NOGS.