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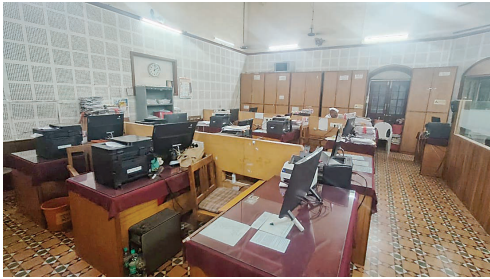
Revenue employees' strike

Functioning at District Collectorate stalled

NASHIK: The Maharashtra State Revenue Employees Sanghatana has launched a strike, citing long-standing grievances that have been overlooked by the government despite repeated appeals. This non-cooperation movement, now in its fifth day, has brought work to a standstill at the District Collectorate and tehsil offices, impacting government operations and causing delays in processing students' certificates.

Since Monday (July 15th), revenue employees have initiated an indefinite strike, disrupting services for citizens visiting the tehsil office and District Collectorate for various administrative tasks.

The agitation began with symbolic protests, including wearing black ribbons on Wednesday (July 10th) and demonstrations outside the District Collectorate on Thursday (July 11th). On Friday (July 12th), em-



ployees observed a pen-down strike, and operations remained suspended over the weekend.

Despite hopes for a resolution, no discussions were held at the state secretariat level regarding the Sanghatana's demands, prompting the decision to escalate to an indefinite strike from the start of the week.

Key figures of the Sanghatana, including advisor Narendra Jagtap, working president Ramesh More, treasurer Amol Handge, and other office bearers, participated in the strike, which involved a total of 996 employees. Among them, 70 clerks and 50 higher clerks from

the District Collectorate, and 350 clerks and 526 higher clerks district-wide participated, affecting the functioning of departments such as Gram Panchayat, Appeals, Home Affairs, Establishment, Clan Law, and Accounts.

Key demands

Implementation of revised rosters in line with the Dangat Committee report without reducing staff; Promotion of higher clerks to Nayab Tehsildar positions; Immediate approval of departmental rosters; Setting assistant grade pay at Rs. 2400 and implementing a unified examination system for revenue department. State President of the Revenue Sanghatana Jeevan Aher and district president Tushar Nagare stated that the strike encompasses various demands aimed at improving employee conditions and operational efficiency within the revenue department.

Tree falls at CBS, damages two cars



NASHIK: A dried Gulmohar tree unexpectedly fell at the old Central Bus Stand (CBS) in the city on Monday evening around 7 pm, causing significant damage to two parked cars. One individual, identified as Deepak

Jadhav (51), a resident of Old Nashik, sustained injuries and received initial treatment at a private hospital.

Lawyer Bandunana Dange's car, bearing registration number MH 15 FT 3415 was crushed un-



der the tree, while Suyog Bagul's car, with number MH 01 BU 4517, suffered partial damage. After receiving the news, Sarkarwada police and the fire brigade personnel reached the spot. They immediately began efforts to prune

the uprooted tree and conducted an on-site inspection (panchnama).

The incident drew onlookers who gathered to witness and record the incident on their mobile phones.

Home Guard recruitment to begin in August

NASHIK: As the recruitment process for the state police force nears its final stages, preparations for Home Guard recruitment under the Home Department have commenced.

The recruitment drive is set to begin on August 15, aiming to fill approximately 9,700 posts across the state, including 60 vacancies in Nashik. An official notification from the Home Guard Commandant's office and district-level Commandants is expected soon.

The police recruitment is nearly complete, with only document verification and medical tests remaining before new recruits

can begin their duties. Following this, the focus will shift to Home Guard recruitment, with online application registration likely starting on August 15. Candidates can apply only within their local police station area. The district commandant holds the authority to allocate posts to specific police stations, and the final notification before registration will specify the number of available posts.

Home Guards are typically not called for regular duty but are deployed during festivals and elections, and often assist with security arrangements due to manpower shortages at police stations.

Govt's stance on reservation is clear: Dada Bhuse

NASHIK : State minister Chhagan Bhujbal seeking guidance from Sharad Pawar on the reservation issue is not wrong, stated Guardian Minister Dada Bhuse. However, Bhuse disagreed with Bhujbal's claim that the Chief Minister lacked understanding on the matter, deeming such remarks inappropriate.

Bhuse made these comments during an interaction with reporters on Monday (15th) in Nashik, where he attended the International Youth Skills Day program. He emphasized that the state government has made sincere efforts to provide a 10 percent reservation to the Maratha community. The government has maintained its position to grant Maratha reservation without disrupting existing reservations. The court has rejected petitions challenging this decision.

"Sharad Pawar is a se-

nior leader in the state. I, along with the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, and Bhujbal, previously attended a meeting with him for his guidance. Therefore, there is nothing wrong with Bhujbal meeting him," Bhuse stated.

He added that Devendra Fadnavis had proposed a 13 percent reservation during his tenure, but it was later annulled by the Supreme Court due to subsequent inaction by the following government. Bhuse noted that additional reservation over 50% can be granted under certain circumstances, and the government's survey, presented to the court, demonstrated the Maratha community's need for reservation.

Bhujbal met Sharad Pawar on Monday morning to discuss the reservation issue, and Bhuse responded to Bhujbal's remark that the CM lacked understanding.

Four sentenced to three years' RI for burglary

NASHIK: The Nipahad court has handed down rigorous imprisonment (RI) for three years to four individuals involved in a burglary at a shopping complex in Saykheda, Nipahad taluka. The accused, residents of Malegaon, broke into a shop and stole tyres and an LED TV valued at Rs. 2.86 lakh during an incident that occurred on February 16, 2017.

The convicted individuals, Ashraf Hameed Shaikh, Fayyaz Allaudin Ansari, Sajid Anwar Patel, and Gafar Mukhtar Ansari, also from Malegaon, were found guilty of the crime. Additionally, Javed Ahmed Mohammad Ansari, also from Malegaon, was sentenced to six months' RI for purchasing the stolen goods.

The investigation, led by then police inspector Upase and later police inspector More, resulted in the arrest of the four main accused.

Dindi celebration at Boys' Town Public School



NASHIK: The school campus of Boys' Town Public School and Junior College came alive with colour, music, and joyous celebration as students and staff gathered for the Dindi festival on Monday. This vibrant event, steeped in tradition, brought the community together to celebrate and honour the rich cultural heritage of Maharashtra.

The festivities began with a grand procession, where students of primary and secondary section, dressed in traditional attire,

carried out beautifully decorated pallo and sang devotional songs. Teachers and students participated in various cultural performances, including traditional dance, and music, all depicting the essence of the Dindi tradition.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by academic director Dr. Manisha Pawar. The management, principals of pre-primary, primary and secondary sections praised the students and staff for their dedication and enthusiasm in organizing the event.

Digital workshop held at IMRT College

NASHIK: In a bid to enhance the digital proficiency of professors, a workshop on 'Modern Digital Tools for Professors' was conducted under the Staff Academy at Institute of Management, Research and Technology (IMRT) College, run by Maratha Vidya Prasarak Sanstha. The workshop featured Pirmal Modi, the founder of Bloombird and Metamorphosis, as the chief guide.

The workshop aimed to equip professors with the skills needed to effectively utilize various digital tools in their teaching practices. Participants received comprehensive training on leveraging online platforms for educational purposes, creating educational videos, and integrating digital tools into the learning process. The session also included demonstrations on crafting engaging graphics and presentations using

modern online tools.

Further, the workshop delved into professional networking through online mediums and offered guidance on video editing using online applications. Dr. Prashant Suryavanshi, the college director, extended a warm welcome and felicitated the chief guide, while Prof. Anuja Patil compered the event. The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Harshal Deshmukh.



YCMOU declares summer exam results

NASHIK : In a remarkable display of efficiency, Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU) has announced the results of its summer examinations for the academic year 2023-24 within just 30 days.

The May/June 2024 examination saw 4,89,660 students ap-

pearing for 242 semester-wise examinations across 110 courses. To facilitate this extensive process, 1,307 question papers were distributed to 601 examination centres throughout Maharashtra via an online and confidential method, ensuring smooth conduct of the examinations.

The University faced the monumental task of evaluating 25,12,284 answer sheets out of a total of 29,09,831 answer sheets. Utilizing advanced scanning techniques and face detection technology, YCMOU managed to scan all answer sheets within the time limit and verified the authenticity of ex-

aminers at 108 online assessment (CAP) centres across Maharashtra.

In addition to the result declaration, the examination department has provided facilities for re-evaluation and photocopies of answer sheets. Students can apply for re-evaluation online until July 22nd by paying the prescribed fee.

Singing competition held at The Nalanda Academy



NASHIK: Singing competition was conducted by The Nalanda Academy. The platform not only fostered the HKG students to sing in varied languages but also helped them overcome stage fear.

The solo singing performance not only promises to entertain but also

aims to foster early childhood development and a love for music. Research has shown that music has a positive impact on children's cognitive, emotional, and social development.

The ambience reverberated with the melodious singing of the tots.

World Paper Bag Day at Fravashi Academy



NASHIK: Fravashi Academy joined the global community in celebrating World Paper Bag Day on July 12th, an important day dedicated to promoting the use of paper bags over plastic ones.

In the primary section, students from grades 1

to 4 enthusiastically participated in a creative and engaging activity to mark this occasion. They showcased their artistic talents by making attractive paper bags and decorating them vibrantly.

This hands-on activity provided a fun learning

experience to the students. Students from Grades 3 and 4 used their creative writing skills wrote environmental slogans.

Additionally, the Grade 4 students had the unique opportunity to visit the newspaper office. During their visit, they gained valuable insights into the journey of how a newspaper reaches homes.

This educational trip complemented their understanding of the significance of paper and its role in daily lives.