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## Ganeshotsav 2024

# Online permission mandatory for public mandals

**NASHIK:** The Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) has initiated preparations for Ganeshotsav 2024, which will begin on September 7. To streamline the process, NMC has mandated that all public Ganeshotsav mandals obtain online permission for their celebrations.

In advance of the festival, NMC is organizing division-wise meetings with public mandal office bearers to address any administrative issues related to securing online permits. These meetings will be held on Friday, August 30, 2024, at 4 p.m. at various NMC divisional offices: Nashik East, Old Building, Main Road, Nashik West, New Pandit Colony, Panchavati, Late Panditrao Khaire Building, Makhmalabad Naka, Cidco, Satpur, Trim-bak Road and Nashik Road, near Durga Garden.

It has been stated applications for pandal erection which are submitted at least

30 days prior to Ganeshotsav will be considered and applications received within the last seven days before the festival will not be considered. The permission to erect pandals on the roads for the Ganeshotsav will be issued online as per rules.



NMC will assist in resolving any difficulties encountered during pandal constructions for both Ganeshotsav and Navratrot-sav. Complaints related to noise pollution should be made to the local police station, traffic issues to the city traffic branch, and

issues concerning pandal construction to the respective NMC divisional officer. Additionally, NMC has formed teams of divisional officers to inspect pandals during the festivals including Rajaram Jadhav (Nashik East), Tushar Aher (Nashik East), Madan Harishchandra (Panchavati), Sunita Kumavat (Cidco), Ambadas Garkal (Satpur) and Chandan Ghuge (Nashik Road).

## CITU opposes New Unified Pension Scheme

**NASHIK:** The Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) has expressed strong disapproval of the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) recently approved by the Union Cabinet on August 24. The union is calling for the reinstatement of the old pension scheme and has vowed to continue its nationwide campaign against the new policy.

Government employees, supported by various trade unions and federations, have been advocating for the return of the old pension scheme. According to CITU, the newly approved UPS, which introduces a few modifications to the National Pension System (NPS), is deceptive and detrimental to employees.

The UPS requires employees to contribute 10% of their salary, while the

government will contribute 18.5%. This contrasts sharply with the previous system, where there was no employee contribution. Under the UPS, employees with less than 25 years of service will receive lower pensions compared to the old scheme. Specifically, those with 20 years of service will get only 40% of their average basic pay, and those with 10 years will receive just 20%. For employees with up to 10 years of service, the pension is capped at Rs. 10,000.

CITU condemns the UPS as a fraudulent scheme and demands the reimplementation of the old pension system in its original form, stated Dr. D L Karad, CITU's national vice president and state president, in a release reached here.



The percolation tank near Harantekdi village in Surgana tehsil, built 60 years ago, is currently leaking and has yet to be repaired. Local residents are calling for urgent repairs to address the village's water shortage and support agricultural needs.

## Four women cricketers selected for Maharashtra team



**NASHIK:** Four promising cricketers from the Nashik District Cricket Association—Maya Sonawane, Ishwari Savkar, Rasika Shinde, and Tejaswini Batwal—have earned spots in the senior women's Maharashtra cricket team. The quartet will play in the upcoming practice matches scheduled in Vidarbha, starting September 9.

These players are no strangers to the Maharashtra team, having previously represented the state at both senior and under-19 levels across various age groups. Among them, Maya Sonawane has established herself as a skilled spinner. Her consistent performances led to her selection for the India A team in the prestigious Challenger Trophy for two consecutive seasons.

Ishwari Savkar, who captained

the Maharashtra under-19 team last season, has also been making strides. Following her leadership in the Women's T20 tournament, the Maharashtra Cricket Association retained her as captain for the National Under-19 Women's ODI tournament, organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Under her leadership, the team advanced to the semi-finals of the competition.

Rasika Shinde, a fast bowler with a sharp batting edge, and Tejaswini Batwal, a versatile wicket-keeper-batsman, round out the talented group. Vinod Shah, chairman of the Nashik District Cricket Association, along with secretary Sameer Rakte, extended their heartfelt congratulations to the players, wishing them continued success in the upcoming tournament.

## Salunkhe assumes charge as new DIO

**NASHIK:** Gopal Salunkhe officially took over as the new District Information Officer (DIO) for Nashik's District Information Office under the Directorate General of Information and Public Relations on Tuesday morning. He assumed the additional responsibilities from outgoing DIO, Samprada Beedkar, who has been transferred to Sangli.

In a programme marking the transition, outgoing DIO Samprada Beedkar,

along with Information Officer Archana Deshmukh and Assistant Director Mohini Rane, who were also transferred, were felicitated and given a warm farewell. Deepak Chavan, who has joined the Nashik Divisional Information Office from the Mantralaya as Assistant Director, was welcomed into his new role.

The programme was attended by officers and employees from both the Divisional and District Information Offices.



## NIPM to enhance focus on women empowerment: Kasar



**NASHIK:** The National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM) will intensify its efforts towards women empowerment through a series of targeted training programmes, stated Rajaram Kasar, president of NIPM. He made this remark during the inauguration of a Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) training programme, organized by NIPM at Hotel Seven Heaven.

The programme was presided over by Dr. Uday Kharote. NIPM vice president Rahul Borse, Vinayak Patil, secretary Prakash Gunjal, joint secretary Rajendra Achari, and others

were present on the dais.

In his presidential address, Dr. Kharote lauded the efforts of NIPM's Nashik chapter, particularly highlighting the inclusion of cultural activities like 'Mangala Gaur' in their initiatives. He urged the organization to continue its commitment to various social causes alongside its training programmes.

NIPM has also planned a national seminar in Mangalore, and as part of its initiatives, the Nashik chapter recently hosted a National Security Quiz for HR students from Sandip Foundation, Maratha Vidya Prasarak, and the Management

Institute of Bhujbal Knowledge City, among others. Certificates and awards were presented to the winning students by former NIPM president S S Khairnar, Vishwanath Dangre, Dr. Shridhar Vyavhare, Janardan Shinde, Sudhir Patil, and Prakash Bari.

In a display of cultural pride, the Gargi Group presented a traditional 'Mangala Gaur' programme, which was enjoyed by over 100 women attendees.

The programme began with an introductory speech by Yadvi Pawar, while Gitika Patil compered the programme. Shrikant Patil proposed a vote of thanks.

## DAHI HANDI CELEBRATIONS



### Gurukul Academy

Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated with enthusiasm in Gurukul Academy on August 24th, 2024. The students were dressed in bright coloured costumes only as Krishna. And Radha followed by various fun. A Krishna Janmashtami video was shown to the students and teachers and some interesting incidents were narrated to the students.

Nursery children learned to make Krish-

na's crown using craft paper. Then they decorated it and sang hymns and recited some verses from the Bhagavad Gita.

'Dahi Handi' was decorated by students after learning the story of Lord Krishna and how important 'Makhan' was to Him. Students were given information about who is Radha and who is Krishna.

The teachers informed the students about why Krishna Jayanti and Gopalaka are celebrated. Later Dahi Handi programme was held.

### Horizon Academy

Horizon Academy, Ozar (MiG) enthusiastically celebrated Krishna Janmashtami on August 26, 2024 under the guidance of principal Meera Pandey. The School premises were filled with joy and excitement as students wholeheartedly participated in the festivities.

The celebration featured a Dahi Handi programme, melodious songs, and dances, along with a short skit based on the life of Lord Krishna. The students had a wonderful time, and the occasion was marked with great joy and enthusiasm.



### Fravashi Academy

The pre-primary section of Fravashi Academy celebrated Janmashtami, the birth of Lord Krishna, with great enthusiasm and fervour. The students and staff came together to recreate the magic of Krishna's birth, with decorations, music, skit and traditional dances. The celebration began with a special assembly, where the students sang devotional songs and recited slokas. The tiny tots were dressed in colourful costumes, depicting various characters from the Krishna legend. A beautiful tableau was created, showcasing the birth of Lord Krishna. The students enthusiastically participated in Dahi Handi programme.