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28 new talathis to get appointment letters today

NASHIK: Appointment letters will be distributed to 28 newly selected talathis for villages outside the tribal areas of the district today, September 27. Following their appointment, these talathis will undergo a two-month training period under the guidance of senior talathis before assuming independent management responsibilities for their respective villages.

In the 2022-23 fiscal year, the government approved the filling of 173 talathi positions within the district. The recruitment process included a written examination conducted from August 17 to September 14 in Nashik. However, some candidates raised concerns regarding parallel reservation, leading to a court case. As a result, the district administration suspended the recruitment of 76 positions in the PESA area, out of the total 173 posts.

The recruitment process proceeded for 96 positions in the non-tribal (general) region, but 27 candidates failed to appear for document verification. To address this, a re-recruitment process was initiated for the 50 disqualified candidates, allowing them a month to rectify their statuses. Despite this, ten candidates were absent. Ultimately, out of the remaining 40 candidates, 28 from the general category will receive their appointment letters today.

Parallel reservation

In the initial phase of the recruitment process, 67 candidates were put in the waiting list. Reports for 21 candidates related to parallel reservation are still pending. Investigations regarding reservations for children of ex-servicemen, as well as those with disabilities, are ongoing, and these candidates will be appointed in due course.

Talathi recruitment was executed in the district. Following the first stage, those in the second stage will receive their appointment letters, which will enhance the administration of the villages.

Rajendra Wagh, Resident Deputy Collector, Nashik

Violence against women
Demand for action

NASHIK: Women office bearers of the Udhav Balasaheb Thackeray faction have in a statement submitted to Deputy Commissioner of Police Monika Raut has demanded to ensure the immediate registration of serious crimes related to violence against women, while also directing local police to prioritize the filing of such complaints.

The law and order situation in the state is currently concerning, with a disturbing rise in incidents of violence against women. The office bearers highlighted that evasion in reporting these crimes is a troubling reality that must be addressed.

One particularly alarming case involved the sexual assault of two four-year-old girls at the prestigious Adarsh School in Badlapur. Recent months have seen a series of distressing events in Maharashtra, a state often regarded as progressive. Notable incidents include the assault of a minor girl by a schoolmate in a washroom at Pune and the harassment of six girls by a Zilla Parishad teacher in Kazikhed, along with similar cases in Koparkhairane and Uran in Navi Mumbai. These incidents underscore the police administration's failure to effectively prevent atrocities against women.

Regrettably, local police stations appear hesitant to register complaints related to such serious offenses. Alarming, five cases of violence against women are reported every hour across the state. In 2023 alone, the statistics are staggering: 7,521 cases of rape, 9,698 cases of kidnapping, 169 instances of dowry-related violence, 11,226 cases of harassment by relatives, and 17,281 reports of molestation and sexual violence. Additionally, Mumbai has recorded 509 cases of child sexual abuse by the end of May 2024, the office bearers stated.

Despite the Maharashtra Police Force's global reputation, the delegation questioned the lack of urgency and sensitivity in investigating and responding to these serious incidents.

They demanded that there is a need for immediate action regarding crimes against women and insisted that local police be ordered to properly register all complaints.

Thackeray faction's deputy leader Vishakha Raut, Priyanka Chaturvedi, Sheetal Devrukhkar and others were part of the delegation that met Deputy Commissioner of Police Monika Raut.

Conference 'Synergy 2024' kicks off today

NASHIK: The three-day national conference, 'Synergy 2024', organized by the Maharashtra state branch of The Association of Shalaki (TAS), opens today, September 27, at Hotel Radisson Blu in the city.

Bringing together experts from the fields of ophthalmology, otolaryngology, and the Indian System of Medicine (ISM), the conference is set to attract over 700 ophthalmologists from across various states, including Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.

Participants can look forward to comprehensive lectures covering the latest advancements in international medicine, technology, and both modern and traditional Ayurvedic practices. The conference will also feature hands-on training sessions focusing

on contemporary surgical techniques.

Attendees will have the invaluable opportunity to receive guidance from national and international experts throughout the conference. The agenda includes seminars, group discussions, and presentations on diverse scientific topics, along with an overview of previous surgical practices. Selected research theses will also be showcased, allowing for interactive discussions with leading specialists.

Additionally, an exhibition will complement the conference, providing further insights into advancements in the medical field. Key figures from The Association of Shalaki, including state branch president Dr. Rajendra Lahore and general secretary Dr. Mayuresh Kulkarni, will be present.

Shelke appointed in-charge of Indiranagar police station

NASHIK: Senior police inspector Ramdas Shelke has been appointed as the new in-charge of Indiranagar police station, following a transfer from the Nashik Road police station to the economic offences wing. He takes over from outgoing senior inspector Ashok Shermale, who is currently awaiting a new assignment.

Commissioner of Police Sandeep Karnik made the announcement regarding Shelke's appointment.

This reshuffle comes as part of a broader series of transfers within the police department, prompted by the upcoming State Assembly elections.

As per Commissioner of Police Sandeep Karnik's directive, several police inspectors have been reassigned within the police commissionerate area. Ashok Shermale, previously the senior inspector

of Indiranagar, had been transferred from the office of the Director General of Police to Aurangabad but has appealed that decision. Consequently, Ramdas Shelke has stepped in to lead the Indiranagar police station.

Additionally, police inspector Trupti Sonawane, who was appointed as secondary police inspector at Nashik Road police station from Gangapur police station last month, has been transferred again.

She has now been moved to the economic offences wing.

Assistant inspector at Mhasrul police station Satyawar Pawar has been reassigned to Bhadrakali police station, while police inspector Vishwajit Jagtap, formerly with the state intelligence department, has taken on the role of secondary officer at Nashik Road police station.

Cyber criminals duped two of Rs 1.41 cr

NASHIK: In a sophisticated cyber fraud, criminals posing as officials claimed that multiple bank accounts had been opened using the victims' Aadhaar details, leading to a large-scale financial misappropriation under investigation by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). Using this ploy, the cyber criminals looted Rs 1.41 crore from two individuals in the city. A case has been registered at the Cyber Police Station.

According to a complaint filed by a woman, the criminals contacted her father between August 23 and September 20 via the internet and phone calls. They intimidated him with threats of ED action, coercing him into providing his bank account details. The fraudsters then transferred Rs 1.31 crore from his account into various other accounts.

In a similar incident, a young girl from the city was also deceived. The criminals managed to withdraw Rs 10.23 lakh from her bank account.

A case has been registered against the individuals who contacted the victims, as well as the account holders in whose names the stolen money was deposited.

Doctor threatens patient

NASHIK: A doctor initially agreed to compensate a migrant woman for providing incorrect medical treatment but later reneged on his promise, verbally abused her, and issued threats.

According to a complaint filed by Soumya Shashidharan Nair, a resident of Andhra Pradesh, she was admitted to Santosh Multispeciality Hospital near Pournima Bus Stop in August 2023 for gallstone surgery. During the procedure, Dr. Santosh Rawlani allegedly acted negligently, damaging her blood vessel and cutting her bile duct. Despite the severity of the injury, Dr. Rawlani concealed the mistake from Soumya.

As her condition worsened, Soumya sought further treatment at private hospitals in Nashik and Pune. When she confronted Dr. Rawlani about the botched surgery, he admitted to the mistake and agreed to pay her Rs. 11 lakh in compensation. However, when Soumya later approached him for the payment, Dr. Rawlani verbally abused her and refused to pay the compensation.

Threat of violence

The situation escalated when Dr. Rawlani allegedly threatened Soumya, saying, "Go anywhere, I won't give you a single rupee, and I won't let you stay in Maharashtra either." He also reportedly attempted to assault Soumya's father, Shashidharan Nair. A case in connection with has been filed against Dr. Rawlani at Bhadrakali police station.

Argument over Navratri celebration
Shots fired in air at Jail Road

NASHIK: A heated argument among members of a mitra mandal formed to celebrate Navratri festival escalated when an office-bearer of a political party fired shots in the air using a country-made revolver. The incident occurred near the Shivshakti Nagar water tank garden in Model Colony, Jail Road, at around 11 p.m. on September 23. According to the police, one of the four suspects involved has been arrested, and the incident stemmed from a personal dispute among friends.

The arrested suspect has been identified as Nitin Rajendra Barve, while the other suspects, Santosh Pillay, his friend Bhagwat, and an unidentified individual, are still at large. The police are searching for them.

According to the complaint filed by Suyog Khanderao Gunjal (32), a resident of Manikmoti Society in Model Colony, he and the suspects are long-time friends. Gunjal, who was elected president of the Vasant Vihar Mitra Mandal for this year's Navratri celebrations, had a disagreement with Barve over the festival preparations.

On the evening of September 22, Gunjal was sitting near the garden when he received a call from Barve. During their conversation, Gunjal expressed frustration, saying that he was responsible for all the Navratri preparations but no one else was helping. Barve mentioned that they had approached Santosh Pillay for a donation, to which Gunjal responded that he didn't care about Pillay's donation and no longer wished to be involved in the festival or remain president.

Following this argument, Barve and the other suspects arrived at the garden in a car around 11 p.m. They asked Gunjal to join them, but he refused and returned home. Shortly afterward, the suspects reportedly drove to the garden and fired shots into the air after an argument under influence of alcohol. Gunjal filed a formal complaint in this regard with the Nashik Road police, who are now investigating the case. While some suspects claim that the shots were fired using an air gun, the investigation is ongoing to determine the exact nature of the firearm used.

A sweet adventure

PVG's tiny tots visit bakery



NASHIK: Excitement filled the air as students from PVG's Kindergarten embarked on a delightful field trip to a local bakery. The outing aimed to provide tiny learners with a firsthand experience of the fascinating world of baking.

Upon arrival, the students were warmly welcomed and given a tour of

the bakery. They eagerly observed the various activities that take place in this delectable environment. The bakers explained the different utensils used in the kitchen and demonstrated the operation of the large oven where cakes are baked to perfection.

The children also learned about the essential differences between

various chopping boards and how hygiene is meticulously maintained in the bakery. To cap off their visit, each student was treated to delicious pastries, much to their delight. The primary objective of this field trip was to offer students a hands-on experience in the bakery sector and familiarize them with the baking process and the tools involved. It proved to be an educational and enjoyable outing, leaving the students with lasting memories.

The trip was organized under the guidance of PVG's Secretary Sanjay Gunjal, with support from Headmistress Manisha Sathe, and the cooperation of the bakery's manager and staff.

Donation drive by
St Lawrence

NASHIK: A donation drive was organised by St. Lawrence High School and Junior College for students and parents of all classes. The drive, organised on the occasion of founder's day as an activity to imbibe values of generosity and compassion from the founder's life.

The students of grades 1 to 12 brought a variety of materials from grocery items to stationary items. The students of grade 8 took the complete re-

sponsibility from not only packing and labelling the stuff but also visiting the ashramshala and distributing the collected material. The interaction between the students of the ashramshala and the school, was an eye-opening experience for students.

The students of grade 12 visited an old age home to spend a day with the residents, interacted and played games with them and brought some useful material for them.

Inter-School Gymnastics Competition
Yashwant Vyayamshala athletes shine

NASHIK: Athletes from Yashwant Vyayamshala delivered an impressive performance at the Inter-School Gymnastics Competition, organized by the District Sports Officer's Office under the Sports and Youth Affairs, Maharashtra State, Pune. The competition, held at Yashwant Vyayamshala, saw participation from 158 gymnasts across Nashik district.

The competition featured three age categories—14 years, 17 years, and 19 years—both for boys and girls. Based on their exceptional performances, 16 athletes from Yashwant Vyayamshala have qualified for the divisional competition.

In the 14 years boys' category, Bhargav Salve secured first place, followed by Shivraj Kakade in second. Yash Zankar, Agastya Aher, and Sudarshan Konde

achieved fourth, fifth, and seventh positions, respectively. Among the girls, Arna Bhavsar clinched first place, with Esha Kshirsagar and Astha Brahmanekar taking second and third places.

In the 17 years boys' category, Sushant Pingale earned third place, while Shlok Shirasath finished fourth. For the girls, Kasturi Shinde came in fourth, and Maithili Pardeshi secured sixth. In the 19 years boys' category, Vinay Bande and Saish Sarangdhar took fourth and sixth places, respectively. In the girls' category, Atreyi Joshi claimed first position, and Shravani Shelar followed closely in second place. Yashwant Vyayamshala president Deepak Patil congratulated the athletes, praising their achievements and offering best wishes for the upcoming divisional competition.