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## TA recruitment

# 8,000 youth attend on final day

**NASHIK:** The Territorial Army's recruitment process, which began on November 4 at Devlali Camp, concluded yesterday after nine days of intense selection. A total of 40,000 youth from across the country participated in the recruitment drive, with approximately 8,000 candidates from eight districts—Nashik, Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Palghar, Ratnagiri, Raigad, Sindhudurg, and Thane—attending the final day's recruitment drive.

This large-scale recruitment was conducted for 51 posts, including positions for chefs (cooks), hairdressers, housekeepers, washermen, and clerks. Additionally, 81 soldier positions were open for three infantry battalions of the Territorial Army (TA) based at Devlali, including the 116th Para Battalion, the 118th Battalion, and the 123rd (Grenadiers) Battalion.



The recruitment process involved a rigorous physical fitness test and the verification of educational qualifications in the presence of army officials. Relaxations were granted to sons of martyred soldiers, state and national athletes, and former military personnel regarding height, weight, and chest measurements.

The recruitment held at Devlali Camp was especially significant, as it was the first time in five years that such an event had been conducted at this location. The response from youth across the re-

gion was overwhelming, and in the process two days ago, records for the highest number of participants in recruitment drive at the Devalali Camp were broken.

However, the large influx of participants also led to significant waste accumulation in the surrounding areas. Water bottles, chappals, plastic wrappers, and debris from bonfires, lit by many to ward off the cold, were found scattered on roads leading to railway station, Anand Road, Zenda Chowk, Vадner Road, new bus station, Main Street, Mithai Street, Masjid Street, Gurudwara Road, Development Road, Sansari Lane, and Lam Road.

In light of the situation, the Cantonment Board's health department now faces the task of addressing the cleanliness issue.

# CCTV surveillance system still awaited

**NASHIK:** The installation of CCTV cameras across Nashik city, aimed at enhancing surveillance on criminal activities, accidents, thefts, and other untoward incidents, is still incomplete despite several deadlines passing. The project, initiated under the Smart City Mission and executed by the Smart City Company, has citizens questioning when the system will be fully operational.

The goal of this initiative is to monitor the city's key areas, including signals, major squares, and roads, using about 450 CCTV cameras. These cameras are expected to play a crucial role in tracking criminal activities, traffic violations, and incidents like chain snatching and scuffles. However, despite discussions on connecting the CCTV system to a cen-

tralized control room, the installation work remains unfinished. The cameras, installed by a contractor from MahaIT under the Safe Nashik initiative, are designed to capture vehicle number plates, aiding in the issuance of e-challans to rule violators. Additionally, the system is intended to alert authorities in case of disturbances, such as brawls, in sensitive areas.

The installation of permanent CCTV cameras in the city has been under discussion since the last Kumbh Mela, but there are growing concerns about whether the system will be fully operational by the upcoming Simhastha Kumbh Mela. Despite a transfer of Rs. 47 crore from the Smart City Company for the project, the work has stalled, raising doubts about the efficiency of the contractor and the timely

completion of the system. Approximately 450 CCTV cameras have been installed at strategic locations, including signals, black spots, and sensitive areas. The cameras are being connected to the control room through BSNL's cable network. The live feed will be monitored at a central control room located at the Smart City Company's office in Pan-chavati, enabling real-time surveillance across the city. With the recent Lok Sabha elections concluded and campaigning for the state assembly elections underway, the delay in the CCTV system's activation is causing concerns. The surveillance system, once fully operational, is expected to be a valuable tool for the police in curbing petty crimes, fraud, and minor thefts, particularly during election periods.

## Voting awareness through rally

**NASHIK:** As part of the Election Commission of India's Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme, the Devlali Cantonment Board organized a motorcycle rally aimed at raising voting awareness among local residents. The rally, which took place yesterday, was officially inaugurated at 11:00 am at the Cantonment Board premises by Chief Executive Officer Abhishek Mani Tripathi.

The rally was attended by Cantonment Board

office superintendent Vivek Band, engineer V. R. Patil, Simon Bhandare, Vijay Patil, medical officer Dr. Manisha Honrao, school principal Rajeshree Khairnar, and Madhuri Kulkarni from the primary section, along with other officials and staff members.

The rally made its way through entire Devlali Camp area and returned to the Cantonment Board premises, where it concluded. It received a positive response from the local citizens.



## Health check up camp for tribals



**NASHIK:** A free health check-up camp was organized jointly by the Rotary Club of Nashik and Sanay Foundation at Zhari village in Peth Tehsil, providing essential medical services to local tribal communities. The camp, which aimed to address the healthcare challenges faced by these remote villagers, was attended by renowned and expert doctors offering free consultations.

A team of specialists offered their services, including oncologist Dr. Nagesh Madanurkar, dentists Dr. Rachana Chindhade and Dr. Hitesh Bu-

rad, ophthalmologist Dr. Swapnil Vidhate, gastroenterologist Dr. Mahesh Mangulkar, general physician Dr. Gauri Kulkarni, pediatrician Dr. Amol Chavhanke, gynecologist Dr. Sumit Kaur Mehta Patil, and HIV/AIDS specialist Dr. Bhushan Surajuse. Doctors examined and counselled the tribals, guiding them on necessary follow-up treatments.

A total of 250 tribals were medically examined. In addition to the health check-ups, the Rotary Club of Nashik will provide continued support for the patients' further treatment.

Rotarian Vijay Dinani also distributed free medicines prescribed during the camp, while Deshpande Opticians conducted eye examinations and provided free spectacles. To promote hygiene, Rotarians Dr. Rachana Chindhade, Dr. Sonali Chindhade, and Smita Apsankar demonstrated handwashing techniques and shared oral hygiene tips with the tribals, distributing toothpaste, toothbrushes, and nail cutters.

Rotary Club president Om Prakash Rawat, former president Mangesh Apsankar, secretary Shilpa Parakh, president-elect Dr. Gaurav Samnerkar, and other Rotarians such as Vijay Dinani, Sudhir Joshi, and Leena Bakare, staff of Sanay Foundation and Pink Pharmacy also played a crucial role in making the health check up camp a success.

## Ashramshalas to reopen tomorrow

**NASHIK:** After the 18-day holidays for Diwali festival, the government and aided ashramshalas under the Tribal Development Department, excluding those in Vidarbha, will reopen tomorrow, November 14, for the commencement of the second semester of the 2024-25 academic year. Ashramshalas in Vidarbha will reopen on Monday, November 18.

On the first day of school, dialect dictionaries will be distributed to students. The Tribal Development Department operates a total of 497 government-run and 552 aided ashramshalas across the state, catering to approximately 4.5 lakh students. In line with the School Education Department, the Tribal Development Department has decided to begin the second semester in these schools on a regular schedule.

## Swayam wins two golds & silver



**NASHIK:** Swayam Patil has made a remarkable achievement by winning two gold medals and one silver at the 24th National Paralympic Swimming Championship 2024-25, held in Panaji, Goa. Swayam clinched the gold in both the 200m Individual Medley Relay and the 100m Butterfly event.

Despite battling multiple health challenges, Swayam trains rigorously every morning and evening at the Swatantryaveer Savarkar Swimming Pool,

under the expert guidance of coach Hari Sonkamble. He also receives ongoing medical support from Dr. Rajendra Gaikwad and Dr. Rajendra Kharat to maintain his health and performance.

Swayam's exceptional success has earned him widespread recognition and congratulations from all corners, with many applauding his dedication and perseverance in overcoming obstacles to achieve such remarkable results.

## Indradhanushya Youth Festival YCMOU secures 3rd place



**NASHIK:** Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU) achieved third place in the percussion category at the Maharashtra State Inter-University Youth Festival, Indradhanushya 2024, held from November 7 to 11 at Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Agricultural University, Akola. Saurabh Kangane, a YC-

MOU student, earned this accolade in the music section.

Saurabh was honoured by Dr. Sharad Gadakh, Vice-Chancellor of Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Agricultural University, and renowned actress Girija Prabhu.

Present Dr. Dayaram Pawar, head of student welfare and external centre of YCMOU, team

manager Ravindra Jhalse, Manohar Patil and others were present.

YCMOU's Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Sonawane, pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr. Jogen-drasingh Bisen, registrar Dilip Bharad, and university faculty extended their congratulations to Saurabh and the entire team for their outstanding performance.

## DPS student Kavish shines at national conference



**NASHIK:** Kavish Bhardwaj, a student of Delhi Public School (DPS), recently earned second prize for his outstanding presentation at the Ashoka Model United Nations Conference. Representing Ukraine in the Disarmament and Security Committee, Ka-

vish impressed the panel with his insightful approach to global security issues. The three-day conference saw 25 representatives come together to discuss pressing international concerns. Kavish's performance stood out, earning him a prize of Rs. 3,000 from conference dignitaries in recognition of his remarkable achievement.

Tehseen Pathan, a Class XI student, also represented DPS at the event, serving as vice president of the United Nations Human Rights Committee. Her balanced and impartial stance garnered attention and respect from participants, adding to the school's strong presence at the conference.

## Cube & cube root fun activity at St Lawrence



**NASHIK:** The Mathematics department of St. Lawrence High School & Junior College recently organised a captivating activity for grade 8 students to solidify their understanding of cubes and cube roots.

The primary objective was to transform the often-perceived dry subject of mathematics into an engaging and enjoyable learning experience. Students were encouraged

to create colourful wheels, one side displaying cubes and the other showcasing their corresponding cube roots.

The wheels were designed to be rotated, allowing students to visually match cubes with their roots. This interactive approach not only reinforced mathematical concepts but also fostered a sense of accomplishment and curiosity. The activity proved to be a resounding

success, with students enthusiastically participating and demonstrating a newfound appreciation for mathematics.

By making learning a hands-on and visually appealing experience, the Mathematics department at St. Lawrence High School & Junior College has taken a significant step towards inspiring a love of numbers and problem-solving in their students.