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## Tripurari Pournima celebrated



**NASHIK:** Tripurari Pournima was celebrated with great fervour across Nashik city yesterday. The city witnessed a series of rituals, with women lighting earthen lamps (diyas) in homes and Lord Shiva temples to honour Lord Shiva and celebrate the victory of light over darkness.

The celebrations were marked by the lighting of thousands of earthen lamps in various temples around the city,

with a grand Deepotsav taking place at the Balaji Temple near the Gangapur waterfall. The temple was illuminated with a magnificent display of earthen lamps, creating a breathtaking sight. Police Commissioner Sandeep Karnik inaugurated the evening's celebrations by lighting the first lamp at Shri Balaji Temple.

In addition to the temple festivities, women across the city released floating lamps

into the Godavari river, symbolizing prayers for peace and prosperity. At Godaghat, women gathered to light lamps and offer prayers.

The day also saw the celebration of Dev Diwali, with the traditional Tulsi marriage ceremony concluding the rituals. As the earthen lamps flickered, prayers were offered to dispel the darkness of ignorance, bad customs, and negative thoughts in society.



## Guru Nanak's Jayanti celebrated



**NASHIK:** Guru Nanak's birth anniversary was celebrated with immense devotion and enthusiasm across Nashik city yesterday. The city's gurudwaras were beautifully illuminated

with electric lighting, creating a festive and spiritual atmosphere. Devotees of all ages gathered to listen to religious sermons, participate in prayers, and partake in the

langar (community meal) organized at the gurudwaras.

The celebrations began with the traditional darshan of Guru Granth Sahib, followed by various religious activities throughout the day to honour Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism and the first Sikh Guru.

Sikhs from across the city took part in the religious programmes organized at the gurudwaras, with large numbers attending the events. For the past five days, a series of religious programmes had been taking place in the gurudwaras, culminating on Guru Nanak's birth anniversary.

## Devotees flock to Kartik Swami temple

**NASHIK:** The Kartik Swami Utsav began on Friday with grand celebrations organized by the Shri Kashi Nattakotainagar Chatram Managing Society. The temple was opened for devotees to offer their prayers and seek darshan after a special abhishek and puja held in honour of Kartik Purnima. Devotees flocked to the temple, offering flowers, garlands, prasad, and peacock feathers to the idol of Kartik Swami.

To manage the large crowd, barricades were set up on the eastern side of the temple, allowing entry from



there and ensuring the exit was through the north door. A special tradition of offering peacock feathers, the vahan (vehicle) of Kartik Swami, was followed, and vendors selling the feathers set up

stalls near the temple. The demand for peacock feathers surged as devotees eagerly purchased them to offer during darshan.

The ritual offerings included sesame oil, honey,

curd, milk, urad dal, rice flour, turmeric, sandalwood, ghee, mosambi, coconut water, pomegranate, and oranges. The idol of Kartik Swami was anointed with a variety of fruit juices and liquids, following which aarti and the main worship ceremony were performed with devotion.

Devotees will be able to take darshan of Kartik Swami during the auspicious period of Kritika Nakshatra, which begins at 9:55 p.m. and lasts until 2:28 p.m. today (Nov. 16th). The temple continues to witness a steady flow of devotees seeking blessings during this spiritual time.

## Janjati Gaurav Din celebrated

**NASHIK:** The birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda was celebrated with great enthusiasm on Friday as Janjati Gaurav Din in government and aided ashramshalas and hostels under the Tribal Development Department. The occasion was marked by a series of cultural and educational programmes aimed at honouring the legacy of the tribal leader.

Tributes were paid to Bhagwan Birsa Munda through a special worship ceremony in which his image was venerated. To engage the students, the Tribal Development Department organized various competitions, including singing, painting, storytelling, rangoli, and oratory. Students from the ashramshalas and hostels participated with great enthusiasm, showcasing their talents and creativity.

The winners of these competitions were felicitated by dignitaries, who expressed that such events offer a valuable platform for Scheduled Tribe students to display their skills.

In a special programme at the Tribal Commissionerate, Commissioner Nayana Gunde paid her respects to Bhagwan Birsa Munda by offering a garland at his image. Additional Commissioner (Headquarters) Sandeep Golait, Deputy Commissioner Shashikala Ahirrao, Vinita Sonawane, Project Officer Arpit Chauhan, Assistant Commissioner Dilip Khokle, and other officials were also present.



## Voter awareness cycle rally



**NASHIK:** To promote voter awareness and encourage greater participation in the democratic process, a cycle rally was organized yesterday at 7 a.m. from Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, the headquarters of the Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC). The rally aimed to spread the message of voter responsibility and increase voter turnout in upcoming State assembly elections.

Cyclists from the Saturday Sunday Group participated enthusiastically, donning T-shirts with the slogan "Vote Kar Nashikkar". They chanted voter awareness slogans, and pledged to promote voting awareness. The rally began with a warm welcome for all cyclists by Municipal Commissioner

and Administrator Dr. Ashok Karanjkar, who also flagged off the rally.

The rally started from Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan and passed through Canada Corner, Emerald Park Hotel, Trimbak Road ABB Signal, Satpur NMC divisional office, Mahindra and Mahindra Circle, and back via Jehan Circle, Ashok Stambh, Panchavati divisional office, Makhmalabad Naka, Malegaon Stand, Holkar bridge, Ravivar Karanja, M G Road, Meher Signal and via CBS Signal returned to Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan. Along the route, participants received a warm reception at various points.

While police officials and personnel welcomed them at Ashok Stambh.

## Glimpses of Deshdoot Panchavati Property Expo 2024



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