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Water wastage in Anandnagar area

NASHIK: In Anandnagar area, ward number 31 of the city, thousands of litres of water are wasted daily due to a major leak in the main pipeline near Hotel Radisson Blu. The issue, attributed to the negligence of the NMC's water supply department, has disrupted the water supply in the locality, forcing residents to rely on private tankers.



The leak continues round the clock, wasting enormous amounts of water due to the Municipal Corporation's inaction.

- Vikas Phalak, a local resident

This negligence shows a lack of seriousness in addressing the issue, despite the water scarcity.

- Chetan Phegde, social worker



The Nimani Bus Stand in the city is currently in a state of neglect, causing inconvenience to commuters. The premises are riddled with potholes, making navigation difficult and unsafe, especially during the rainy season. Additionally, there are not enough benches to accommodate the large number of commuters, leaving many standing for extended periods. Other infrastructural issues further add to the discomfort, highlighting the urgent need for maintenance and improvements at this key bus stand. (Pic: Mayur Jadhav)

Iron wire mesh stolen

NASHIK: The jogging track in Indiranagar, a popular spot for residents to walk and exercise, has become a target for theft. Thieves have been stealing the iron wire mesh fencing along the protective wall near the track.

Residents and joggers are concerned about the ongoing thefts, which have increased during the election season when fewer people visit the track. Thieves have been removing sections of the iron mesh from the protective fence, as well as stealing expensive sprinklers and iron supports from benches.

Local residents have called for immediate action to address the thefts and prevent further damage to the jogging track's infrastructure.

KRISHITHON 2024

Ordinary women, extraordinary stories

NASHIK : On Sunday, the fourth day of the international agricultural exhibition, Krishithon-2024, highlighted the extraordinary journeys of ordinary women who have made significant contributions to agriculture and society. The exhibition, organized by Human Service Foundation and Media Exhibitors Pvt. Ltd., honoured women entrepreneurs and farmers for their innovative efforts in farming and social causes.

Rahibai Popere, fondly known as Beejmata and a Padma Shri awardee, shared her 30-year journey of conserving indigenous seed varieties. Despite early criticism, she persevered, emphasizing the health benefits of organic farming. 'Old is gold', she remarked, urging farmers to adopt sustainable practices for

poison-free agriculture. Bhimabai Jondhale, who runs a unique hotel

President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, the day of voting and birthday, encouraging

portance of environmental conservation. The session was com-

technologies and equipment.

In the second session, Dr. Prashant Pawar, assistant vice president of Kan Biosys, emphasized the link between soil health, bacteria, and human health, advocating for sustainable farming practices to produce healthier food.

A seminar on grape cultivation featured experts like Abhimanyu Kashid of ATMA, Balasaheb Gadakh from the State Grape Growers Association, and Pankaj Nathe of Sahyadri Farms. They discussed India's potential as a major grape exporter and the importance of promoting high-quality grapes in local markets.

Experimental grape farmers were also honoured for their innovative contributions. Prof. Tushar Ugale compered the session.



of books, recited a poem about her mission to nurture both hunger and knowledge. She distributes free books on on birth anniversary of former

participation in the book-reading movement.

Durgatai Tambe from Sanganner spoke about her tree-planting initiatives, showcasing the im-

pered by Harshal Patil.

Divisional Commissioner Dr. Praveen Gedam visited the exhibition, gaining insights into the latest agricultural

Uncertainty persists over MIDC regional officer post

NASHIK: The ongoing dispute regarding the appointment of Nashik's MIDC regional officer remains unresolved as a hearing scheduled for November 22 did not take place. The Mumbai Administrative Tribunal (MAT) has now directed that the hearing be conducted after today (Nov 25), leaving the regional office without a full-time officer for the time being.

Deepak Patil, previously a sub-divisional officer in Ambad (Jalna), was appointed as the regional officer for Nashik. However, this appointment was contested by Ganesh Rathod, a former Prant officer from Parner (Ahmednagar), in the MAT.

The tribunal initially planned to hold the hearing in December. However, at the request of Pa-

til's legal team, an earlier date of November 22 was scheduled.

On November 22, Patil's lawyers sought additional time to prepare their arguments, leading to a delay. MAT has now ordered the hearing to be conducted after November 25, prolonging the administrative uncertainty.

Compounding the issue, the current in-charge regional officer, Sali, is set to retire on November 30. If no decision is reached by MAT in the coming days, the office may face a leadership vacuum, potentially sparking further disputes over who will assume charge.

Stakeholders are urging a swift resolution to avoid disruptions in the functioning of the regional office and to ensure continuity in MIDC operations.

Science exhibition at Darshan Academy

NASHIK: A science exhibition aimed at encouraging students to explore scientific principles and showcase their creative experiments was organised at Darshan Academy, Devlali Camp. Ratnakar Wagh, who was present on the occasion, emphasized the importance of providing a platform for students to express their talents, especially in the field of science. Ravi Shastri, school director Devi Lakhmiyani, principal Urmila Sharma, and others were also present.

The exhibition featured models on topics such as Waste Manage-



ment, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Electronics. Some notable projects included: Law of Motion; Water Purification Machine; DNA Model; Smart City Concepts; Capsule Road; Plastic Recycling Programme; Army Tank; Hydrochloric Jack; Agriculture Farming and Sat-

ellite Communication. Other innovative models included a paper made

from plastic, a working magnetic preparation, and a model on plastic recycling, showcasing the students' creative approach to real-world challenges. At the conclusion, the chief guest congratulated the students, stating, "Faith in science and new experiments are the true signs of progress".

STATE-LEVEL INVITATION CRICKET TOURNEY

Nashik's Aarav shines

NASHIK: In the Maharashtra Cricket Association's State-level Invitation Cricket Tournament for Under-14 players, North Zone captain Aarav Ahire from Nashik has delivered a stellar all-round performance.

Aarav has amassed 257 runs across eight innings, averaging 32, with a top score of 83. As a bowler, he has taken 28 wickets in nine innings, securing fourth place in the tournament's bowling rankings. His fielding was equally impressive, with five catches in five matches. This all-around contribution has earned him a fourth-place ranking among the tournament's most valuable

players.

North Zone coach Rahul Nanavare, also from Nashik, has guided the team effectively. Teammates Veer Udawant contributed with scores of 50 and 45, while Vansh Chaudhary excelled with a four-wicket haul.

North Zone's strong performance against Poona Club, Recreation Club, and Deccan Club has secured them the second spot in Group G, comprising six teams.

Nashik District Cricket Association chairman Vinod Shah and secretary Sameer Rakate have lauded Aarav and coach Nanavare for their remarkable efforts.

Teacher-Parent meet at Gurukul Academy



NASHIK: A Teacher-Parent meeting was organized at Gurukul Academy English Medium School Omkar Nagar, Nashik under the guidance of headmistress Poonam Shinde. All the parents attended this meeting.

Headmistress Poonam Shinde made introductory speech. The academic progress of the students was discussed in the meeting. The teachers informed the parents about the guidance given for

the successful future of the students. Also, parents also asked questions about their children's studies and interacted with the teachers. Headmistress Poonam Shinde highlighted the importance of cooperation between teachers and parents for the overall development of students. In the meeting, apart from academic activities, there was a discussion about the discipline of the students and various

activities for personality development.

Teacher Yogita Pathak compered the meeting. Teachers Swapnali Mogal, Jayashree Badgure, Nanda Thoke, Vaishali Naik and Yamuna Bhoje were present.

Parents attended the meeting and everyone agreed that there is a need for teacher-parent cooperation for the bright future of the students. The meeting was concluded with Vande Mataram.