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Traffic woes in Nashik city
Need to curb unruly drivers

NASHIK: Traffic congestion and violations of traffic signals have become a significant issue in Nashik city, especially along key intersections between Pimpalgaon Bahula Municipal Corporation limits and the ITI signal. This area, which includes the busy Satpur industrial area, sees a large number of vehicles belonging to workers, farmers, labourers, and the commercial sector, all rushing to meet strict work schedules. Unfortunately, many drivers ignore traffic rules, leading to frequent signal violations and accidents.



The intersection at Mahindra Circle and Ashok Nagar is notorious for such violations, where many drivers treat traffic signals as optional. Despite the heavy traffic, some drivers act as though the signals are not meant for them, creating a chaotic situation. The ITI signal, which serves as a main entry point to the industrial area, is another hotspot where drivers often flout the rules. While many two-wheeler and four-wheeler drivers stop at the

signal, some continue to ignore it, contributing to traffic bottlenecks. A lack of traffic police presence at these crucial points exacerbates the situation.

Trimbak Road, which runs through the industrial area, is always crowded with a mix of vehicles, including goods vehicles, two-wheelers, four-wheelers, city buses, and vehicles heading to the Trimbakeshwar temple. The traffic volume increases significantly during peak hours, yet many drivers act recklessly, causing accidents and creating traffic jams. The absence of regular police personnel leaves drivers to continue their unlawful behaviour unchecked.

One of the major concerns is the growing number of vehicles coming from the New Nashik area to the Satpur industrial area. As traffic signals turn green for one direction, many drivers from New Nashik often disregard the rules and jump the signal, creating further confusion and danger. Without traffic personnel present, the number of undisciplined drivers has steadily increased, making it difficult for

others to navigate the roads safely.

In the Trimurti Chowk area, after a major accident, a signal was installed to manage traffic. However, the lack of enforcement has led to a situation where drivers, except for a few, continue to disregard the signal, making the area a hotspot for violations.

Address reckless driving among youth

A significant portion of the traffic violations is caused by young drivers, who tend to ignore signals. Many young drivers express frustration at having to wait at a signal for a minute, viewing it as an inconvenience. This attitude contributes to the growing disregard for traffic rules. The police administration has proposed the installation of CCTV cameras at key signals to monitor and fine violators. However, the success of this plan depends on its proper implementation, which could be crucial in curbing the behaviour of unruly drivers. Without stricter enforcement and constant monitoring, traffic in Nashik city will continue to be a challenge for both law-abiding citizens and commuters.

Vocational education for ashramshala students



NASHIK: Vocational education will be effectively introduced in government-run ashramshalas under the Tribal Development Department. An Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with Lend a Hand India to provide pre-vocational education to students from Classes VI to VIII. There are 497 government-run ashramshalas under the Tribal Development Department, educating nearly two lakh students. Vocational education has been available for Classes IX to HSC since 2014-15 in 179 ashramshalas across

Maharashtra. With this MoU, 26,672 students from Classes VI to VIII will now also benefit from pre-vocational training. This includes 11,825 students from Nashik Additional Commissionerate, 7,982 from Thane Additional Commissionerate, 3,016 from Nagpur Additional Commissionerate and 3,849 from Amravati Additional Commissionerate. In the first phase, 213 ashramshalas have been selected for implementation, with more ashramshalas to be added in subsequent phases. Meanwhile, the MoU

Features of MoU

- Integration of skill education alongside traditional subjects.
- 110 hours reserved for skill-based education in the curriculum.
- Training for vocational teachers.
- Provision of quality educational materials.
- Practical exposure through internships, expert guidance, and field visits.

Yoga, exercise key for respiratory health: Dr. Sakhala



NASHIK: Respiratory and lung diseases are on the rise, affecting not only the elderly but increasingly the youth as well. To combat these issues, yoga and regular exercise play a crucial role, said Dr. Swapnil Sakhala, a respiratory specialist at Narayani Hospital. Dr. Sakhala stated this while providing his guidance as the chief guest at the monthly meeting of the Dirghayushi Senior Citizens Association. Association founder president Appa Baviskar,

president Shrikant Surte, Arvind Attarde, and Ramesh Jagtap were present on the dais. Dr. Sakhala highlighted the common symptoms of respiratory disorders, which include shortness of breath, wheezing, chest tightness, severe coughing, excessive sputum, chest pain during breathing, loss of appetite, and weight loss. He stated that anyone experiencing these symptoms should immediately consult a respiratory specialist for treatment.

Ultra Hill Marathon
Over 1,500 participants take part

NASHIK: The Ultra Hill Marathon took place in the Anjaneri mountain ranges, organized by Grape County Resort. This year marked the fourth edition of the Marathon, with over 1,500 competitors from across the state joining the race. The Marathon featured five race categories: 5, 10, 15, 30, and 50 kilometres, with each group requiring participants to climb and

descend two or more mountain ranges. The 10-kilometre group saw the highest number of participants. Runners of all ages, including those above 50, took part, with competitors from cities such as Mumbai, Nashik, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Pune, Thane, and Nagpur. The race was held in clean, pollution-free, and traffic-free areas, creating an ideal environment for the participants.



Wada gutted

NASHIK: A fire broke out early Tuesday morning in a 125-year-old dilapidated wada in New Tambat lane, located on the road from Ashok Stambh to Ravivar Peth. Fortunately, there were no casualties, but the fire caused significant financial damage.

The wada, owned by the Tambat brothers, had been abandoned for the last 8 to 10 years and was no longer inhabited. Located opposite Kansara Mangal Karayalaya, the structure was made entirely of teak wood and was in poor condition, lacking electricity connection.

Firefighters responded quickly, deploying three fire tenders to the scene. Despite their efforts, the fire severely damaged the single-storey building. The exact cause of the fire remains unclear, with both the Tambat family and the firefighters puzzled over how it started.

Global International organises Global Spark



NASHIK: Global International School and Junior College hosted a grand two-day Global Spark event 2024-2025, with the theme 'Akhand Bharat'. The celebration highlighted India's cultural unity and historical legacy, resonating deeply with students, parents, and distinguished guests. The event was graced by notable personalities, including chief guest Bob Anderson, International Director from USA, Ravi Gupta, Deputy Commandant, CISF Unit, ISP, Nashik, Dr. Sandhya Khedkar, principal, Gokhale Education Society, Shrinivas Murkute, DOC, Jilha Sanghtak of Scout and Guide, A.L.T. Scout, Nilesh Pawar, crime branch and others. The celebration commenced with a ceremonial lamp-lighting and a soulful Ganesh Vandana,

setting the tone for the vibrant festivities that followed. Students captivated the audience with inspiring skits and dance performances, portraying national heroes like Maharana Pratap, Rani Laxmi Bai, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, and Veer Savarkar. The event celebrated India's cultural and linguistic diversity through multilingual presentations in Hindi, Marathi, and Sanskrit. Key highlights of the event included: Energetic group dance performances by students from various grades, cultural dramas and skits imparting important life lessons, musical recitals featuring tabla and kathak, yoga performances a special magic show and engaging skits kept the audience entertained and thoughtful throughout.

National School Athletics C'ship

Running 99 Sports Club athletes sparkle



NASHIK: Athletes from Nashik's Running 99 Sports Club showcased exceptional talent at the 67th National School Athletics Championship held in Lucknow from November 25 to 30, 2024. Their remarkable performances brought glory to Maharashtra, with three gold and two silver medals. Bhumika Nehete achieved a standout victory in the 200-metre sprint,

completing the race in an impressive 25 seconds. Her stunning performance left a two-meter gap between her and her nearest competitor, earning her a gold medal for Maharashtra. In another stellar achievement, Shreyas Jadhav clinched gold in the 110-metre hurdles by finishing the race in just 14.30 seconds. Jadhav, along with Sarthak Sanase, played a

crucial role in the 4x100-metre relay team, helping Maharashtra secure a silver medal in the event. The trio—Bhumika, Shreyas, and Sarthak—has been rigorously training for the past four years under the guidance of Siddharth Wagh, a national-level athletics coach, at the Meenatai Thackeray divisional sports complex in Nashik. Officials from the divisional sports office of Nashik, district sports office, and the Nashik District Athletics Association congratulated the athletes on their outstanding performances and extended best wishes for their future endeavours.

State-Level U14 Cricket Tourney

Devansh, Mujtaba shine for Nashik



NASHIK: In the Maharashtra Cricket Association's State-level Invitation Cricket Tournament for Under-14s, Nashik faced Secretary 11 in a two-day match held in Pune. Despite a strong performance, Nashik fell short as Secretary 11 took the first-innings lead, and the match ended in a draw. Batting first, Secretary 11 scored 216 runs in their first innings. Nashik captain Devansh Gavali bowled brilliantly, taking 7 wickets. In response, Na-

shik scored 130 runs, with Mujtaba Syed contributing the highest score of 40. In their second innings, Secretary 11 declared at 108 for 5. Devansh and Ayush Shahane took 2 wickets each. Nashik, chasing 195 runs to win, ended at 189 for 9 at stumps and Secretary 11 took the first-innings lead to draw the match. Devansh and Mujtaba emerged as standout performers for Nashik, with Devansh taking a total of 9 wickets in the match and Mujtaba delivering solid batting performances in both innings. Mujtaba Syed played a key role, scoring 82 runs, while Aarav Ahire, a Nashik player representing Secretary 11, added scores of 41 and 25 for his team.

Deeksharambh 2024 held



NASHIK: The College of Physiotherapy organised their undergraduate and post-graduate student induction and 'white coat ceremony' on Monday, December 2nd, 2024 in the college auditorium. The event took place in the presence of guest of honour and MVP general secretary Adv. Nitin Thakare, education office Dr D D Lokhande, dean of Dr. Vasantrao Pawar Medical College and Hospital and Research Centre

Dr. Sudhir Bhamre and principal of MVP's College of Physiotherapy Dr. Amrit Kaur. The event was attended by all the freshers and accompanied by their parents, teachers, head of departments and students. Adv. Nitin Thakare gave important insights to the students on embarking their professional life journey. All the other dignitaries also welcomed the students to their college. Principal Dr. Amrit Kaur

informed the students and parents about the history of college and the curriculum and syllabus. The white coat ceremony, where the white coat was placed on the shoulders of the newcomers by the senior students and oath was recited by the students as an entry to healthcare profession. The event was enjoyed and appreciated by all present and it was compered by Dr. Rutika Thakur, professor and Dr. Niranjana Nashikkar, assistant professor and a vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Deepthi Wadhwa, associate professor. The ceremony ended with National Anthem.