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Traffic woes in Nashik city

Need for organised traffic management system

NASHIK: While traffic signals in various parts of Nashik have long been notorious for rule violations, the situation in New Nashik and its surrounding areas has worsened recently, with unruly behavior by drivers becoming increasingly common. Drivers, both two-wheeler and four-wheeler, are frequently seen ignoring traffic signals, particularly at the main square of City Center when entering New Nashik. The absence of traffic police at this critical location has allowed violations to escalate, with vehicles passing through red lights without any regard for the rules. Another troubling trend is the behavior of drivers heading from New Nashik to the

city. As they approach signals, many seem indifferent to the rules, frequently disregarding the red lights. The growing number of unruly drivers in this area is a direct result of the lack of law enforcement presence, leading to an increase in rule violations each day. A similar issue exists at Trimurti Chowk, a notorious accident-prone area where a traffic signal was installed following a major incident. Despite the new signal, few drivers pay attention to it, particularly two-wheeler riders who are often seen flouting the rules. The situation has become so dire that residents question the effectiveness of the signal in the absence of active enforcement.

Pathardi Phata, another critical location in



New Nashik

New Nashik, has long struggled with traffic congestion. A traffic signal was set up here to address this

issue, and there is even a traffic branch office nearby. However, it appears that the local police are overwhelmed, and the area remains poorly managed, with many drivers

still unsure about how to navigate the signal system. Residents believe that the traffic situation at Pathardi Phata could improve significantly if there were an increased

police presence. They argue that a more visible police force could help manage the flow of traffic and reduce confusion among drivers. The situation is compounded by

the congestion around Cidco Hospital, where company workers flood the area after 5 pm. The insufficient number of police officers in this area further exacerbates the chaos, with unruly drivers becoming a common sight. Local residents and commuters agree that more police personnel are needed to help maintain order and ensure the safety of all road users. In conclusion, the rising trend of traffic violations in New Nashik highlights a critical need for better enforcement and a more organized traffic management system. Increasing police presence at key locations could be the key to ensuring smoother and safer traffic flow in the area.

NIMA Index 2024

Final preparations underway

NASHIK: Preparations for the highly anticipated NIMA Index 2024 industrial exhibition, scheduled to take place from December 6 to 9 at the Thakkar Dome Estate on Trimbak Road, are nearly complete. The event, which has become a catalyst for industrial growth in Nashik, is set to showcase the region's development and its future potential. The construction of the exhibition dome is in its final stages. Over 500 industries are set to participate in the exhibition. The exhibition will feature cutting-edge technologies such as robotics, mechatronics, and 3D printing, reflecting the innovation driving Nashik's industrial sector.

Jubilation erupts in BJP camp



NASHIK: Nashik BJP celebrates at Vasant Smriti office as Devendra Fadnavis becomes Maharashtra BJP Legislative Party leader. For the swearing-in of Devendra Fadnavis's government today, 280 BJP office bearers and selected workers from Nashik district have received special invitations. In a first for the state, senior BJP workers and leaders who have

significantly contributed to the party will attend the event, which will take place at Azad Maidan. The grand ceremony will include the swearing-in of the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Ministers, and cabinet ministers. Over the years, BJP formed governments in 1996, 2014, and 2019 with the support of allies, but only in 2014 did the party hold the Chief Minister's

position. Special invitation passes have been issued to BJP wing leaders, former MLAs, MPs, cooperative sector dignitaries, and former corporators. The event also marks a milestone for BJP, which secured a record-breaking 132 seats, enabling both senior leaders and grassroots workers to witness this historic moment firsthand.

Catch Them Young

Career counseling workshop for CAs

NASHIK: Maratha High School hosted the "Catch Them Young" career counseling workshop, organized by the Maratha Vidya Prasarak Samaj (MVP) Sanstha. The event featured prominent speakers, including MVP Education Officer Dr. Nitin Jadhav, KTHM Principal Dr. Sampatrao Kale, and Chartered Accountants Vishal Vani, Sanjeev Tumbalwadikar, Ulhas Borse, and Leena Bamb. School Principal Purushottam Thorat, Vice Principal Rangnath Ugle, and other dignitaries also attended. The programme began with worshipping image of goddess Saraswati and tributes to economist Amartya Sen. Principal Thorat highlighted the collaboration between MVP, its alumni associa-

tion, and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) to guide students toward a career in accounting. Dr. Kale encouraged students to focus on hard work and limit distractions like social media, while CA Sanjeev Tumbalwadikar emphasized the growing relevance of chartered accountants in the professional world. Dr. Jadhav noted MVP's commitment to organizing workshops for students' holistic development, with this initiative aimed at fostering interest in the accounting profession. The workshop, coordinated by science teacher Sunil Kadam, received support from the entire teaching staff and concluded with a vote of thanks from supervisor Shankar Kotwal.

Solar project brings water relief to Hirdi village

NASHIK: Hirdi village in Trimbakeshwar taluka has overcome its persistent water scarcity thanks to a solar panel system installed jointly by Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd (Plant-2) and Yash Foundation. The innovative project, part of the Jal Samruddhi initiative, now provides the village with a sustainable and low-cost water supply. Like many rural areas, Hirdi village faced severe water shortages. While rainwater suffices for about four months, the rest of the year relies on groundwater, dams, rivers, and canals. Frequent power outages further compounded the problem, forcing women to walk 1-2 kilometers daily to fetch water, creating significant hardship, particularly for elderly women. To address this, a solar pump system was installed, which now distributes 80,000 to 1,00,000 liters of water daily using a 12,060-watt solar PV unit and 15 controllers. The

plant operates entirely on solar energy, ensuring an eco-friendly solution with zero pollution. This initiative eliminates the need for long treks to fetch water, bringing relief to 1,317 residents. The solar-powered system demonstrates the potential of renewable energy in addressing rural challenges. It not only reduces dependence on traditional power sources but also ensures consistent water availability at minimal cost. The success of this project is attributed to the col-

laboration between M&M Ltd, Yash Foundation, and the active participation of the villagers. Prasad Kulkarni, Plant Head at Mahindra (Plant-2), emphasized the importance of collective efforts in driving development, noting how such partnerships foster progress. The inauguration ceremony saw attendance from key figures, including Prasad Kulkarni, Ravindra Patil (President of Yash Foundation), Yashoda Khotare (Sarpanch of Hirdi village), volunteers, and a large number of villagers.



Sports day at Army Public School



NASHIK: Army Public School Devlali celebrated its 27th Annual Sports Day with the esteemed presence of Lt Gen NS Sarma, AVSM, SM, VSM, Senior Patron of the School as the Chief Guest. The event highlights included synchronized march past showcasing the students' discipline

and unity, thrilling races that displayed the students' speed, agility and mesmerizing yoga & martial art display. The grand finale was a dazzling luminous light show. The Sports Day was a resounding success, with students, teachers and parents coming together to celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship.

Inter-school cricket

DPS crowned champions

NASHIK: Nashik's prestigious Rashbihari Inter-School Cricket Tournament concluded with Delhi Public School (DPS) emerging as champions after defeating Rashbihari International School by 122 runs in the final at the Hutatma Anant Kanhere Ground, Golf Club. Jointly organized by the Nashik District Cricket Association (NDCA) and Rashbihari International School, this was the 19th edition of the tournament, which has been held annually since 2003. Conceived by Rashbihari Trustee Shrirang Sarda and NDCA Chairman Vinod Shah, the tournament aims to provide a platform for budding school-level cricketers to showcase their talent. This year, 16 teams participated in the tournament, with matches held



in a league format across four groups. The competition featured 27 matches played between November 25 and December 4, 2024, culminating in the semi-finals and the grand finale. The closing ceremony honored the finalists and individual award winners. Ajit Dan, Additional Commissioner of Central GST, graced the occasion along with NDCA Chairman Vinod Shah, NDCA Secretary

Sameer Rakte, Rashbihari International School Principal Bindu Madam, and other dignitaries. DPS batted first in the final and posted an impressive total of 270 runs, led by captain Dhruv Ekhande's stellar knock of 95 and Rajveer Chavan's solid 58. Rashbihari's Karan Himthani stood out with the ball, taking 4 wickets. In response, Rashbihari was bowled out for 148. DPS's bowlers delivered a well-rounded performance, with Ajinkya Karveer and Aksha Patel taking two wickets each, while Parth Aher, Rajveer Mulani, and Dhruv Ekhande chipped in with one wicket apiece. Dhruv's all-round brilliance earned him the Man of the Match title for the final.

- Achievements**
- Man of the Series: Mayuresh Bhoir (Rashbihari) for scoring 126 runs and taking 11 wickets in 5 matches.
 - Best batsman: Swaraj Adhav (302 runs).
 - Best Bowler: Ojas Shirule (12 wickets).
 - Best Fielder: Ashwin Jadhav.
 - Best Wicketkeeper: Yugandhar Tidke

Highlights of the Final

Manja: Police warn of action

NASHIK: With the Makar Sankranti festival approaching, the production and sale of dangerous nylon and other harmful manjas continue unabated. These manjas pose a serious threat to human lives, as well as to birds and animals. Police Commissioner Sandeep Karnik has taken a firm stance on enforcing the ban on nylon manja. Strict action will be taken against those involved in the manufacturing, sale, and use of nylon manjas within Nashik city.

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