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The impact of climate change

Countries around the world have recognized this and are working collectively to achieve sustainable development goals. However, achieving these targets requires contributions at all levels, from global initiatives to individual actions. One of the most effective and widely agreed-upon solutions to combat climate change is afforestation. Trees play a critical role in absorbing carbon dioxide, thereby reducing its concentration in the atmosphere. They also improve air quality and contribute to biodiversity conservation. Ordinary people can play a vital role by actively participating in tree-planting campaigns. Developing 'Devrai' (sacred groves) is one such approach. Senior ecologist Dr. Madhavrao Gadgil highlights that sacred groves not only protect water sources but also conserve medicinal plants, biodiversity, and wildlife. These efforts, when implemented at both collective and individual levels, can significantly mitigate the impact of global warming. The rapid loss of ice on Mount Everest is a warning bell for humanity. It serves as a stark reminder that climate change is no longer a distant threat but a present reality. Governments, scientists, and individuals must act swiftly to curb emissions, implement sustainable policies, and invest in environmental conservation. Only through strong, coordinated efforts at all levels can we hope to safeguard the planet for future generations. The consequences of climate change on Mount Everest highlight the urgency of immediate action. The melting ice, disrupted ecosystems, and increasing frequency of natural disasters should serve as a wake-up call for humanity. While global initiatives and governmental policies play a crucial role, individuals also have a responsibility to contribute. Planting trees, reducing carbon footprints, and supporting sustainable practices can make a significant difference. By working together on all levels, we can slow down the impact of climate change and create a more sustainable future for the coming generations. The time to act is now.



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Neglected police chowkis

Manpower shortage leaves police chowkis defunct



NASHIK: To enhance crime control and ensure police presence in city streets, 72 police chowkis were set up across Nashik city. However, due to operational challenges, several chowkis in sensitive areas remain closed today. Police chowkis have been sidelined within the law enforcement system itself. The absence of regular staff and primary crime registers forces complainants to approach full-fledged police stations instead. Many chowkis, such as those at College Road and Malharkhan, now appear more like abandoned shelters than functional police chowkis. The primary reason for these closures is insufficient manpower. Though staff are assigned to chowkis, they are often diverted for duties such as serving summons, managing protests, conducting panchamas, escorting accused persons to court, and giving testimony. As a result, chowkis remain locked for most of the time. Police chowkis were initially established to monitor sensitive areas, especially given the vast jurisdiction

of some police stations. While citizens continue to demand their revival, these chowkis now operate with limited personnel borrowed from police stations. Ideally, each chowki requires at least one inspector and four police personnel for smooth functioning. During Vishwas Nangare-Patil's tenure as Nashik's Police Commissioner, police chowkis were not only increased in number but also upgraded, with some converted into mini police stations at crowded locations. This allowed quick response to crimes and improved patrolling in high-traffic areas. However, over time, the purpose of these chowkis has been lost. Their construction was made possible through funds from the Home Department, social organizations, and contributions from MLAs and corporators. Minister of State for Home Yogesh Kadam, during a visit to Nashik, assured that more police stations would be set up to address rising crime rates. However, at the same time, police chowkis are becoming deserted due to a persistent shortage of manpower.

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Indiranagar Property Expo opens to huge response

The inaugural lamp was lit by the distinguished guests, marking the commencement of the expo. Deshdoot's General Manager (AdvT) Amol Ghaware and Manager (AdvT) Milind Vaidya extended a warm welcome to the chief guests. The three-day exhibition, open until Sunday (March 2), is being held at Santaji Sankul, Kalanagar Signal, Indiranagar-Pathardi Road, near Kotak Mahindra Bank in Indiranagar. Citizens have free access from 2 PM to 9 PM. The expo features 30 stalls by renowned real estate developers, providing comprehensive information on residential and commercial projects. The event aims to offer a seamless experience for those looking to invest in homes or shops, bringing all necessary details under one roof. The dignitaries lauded Deshdoot for building a bridge of trust between realtors

and citizens through this initiative. Suvik Buildcon serves as the expo's main sponsor, with Bank of Maharashtra as the Finance Partner and Papaya's Nursery as the Environment Partner. The organizers have encouraged citizens to attend the expo and take a step toward fulfilling their dream of owning a home. The first day witnessed an impressive turnout, with visitors expressing satisfaction with the event's organization. Deshdoot's Manager (AdvT) Milind Vaidya, Corporate Manager Sandeep Raut, and Rural Manager Sachin Kapadni were present at the occasion. Marketing Officer Bhagwant Jadhav, along with Anand Kadam, Sameer Parashare, Prashant Ahire, and Vishal Jamdhade, played a crucial role in ensuring the event's success. Circulation Manager Parag Puranik hosted the event, while Deshdoot reporter Kishore Chaudhary delivered the vote of thanks.

Kishore Suryavanshi Memorial Trophy

Yeola's Sanket shines

NASHIK: Friday, the second day of the Kishore Suryavanshi Memorial Trophy Inter-Taluka Cricket Tournament, organized by the Nashik District Cricket Association in collaboration with Rajendra (Nana) Suryavanshi, witnessed three league matches. Among the standout players of the day was Yeola's Sanket Khandeshi, who delivered an impressive batting performance by scoring 71 runs. In bowling, B Suraj of Nashik Rural made a mark by taking three wickets. At the Martyr Anant Kanhere ground, Malegaon faced Dindori in the first match. Batting first, Malegaon posted a total of 153 runs for eight wickets, with Zaid Malik scoring 46. In response, Dindori struggled to chase the target and was bowled out for just 65 runs. Raj Shelar and Deepak Sonawane took two wickets each, securing an 88-run victory for Malegaon. In the second match at the same venue, Malegaon played against Yeola. Malegaon put up a total of 122 runs for seven wickets, with Gavali scoring 51 runs. Yeola's bowlers, led by Somnath Sonawane, managed to take two wickets. Chasing the target, Yeola reached 126 runs for the loss of four wickets, with Sanket Khandeshi playing a crucial innings of 71 runs. Yeola comfortably won the match by six wickets. At the Mahatmanagar cricket ground, Batting first, Trimbakeshwar posted a total of 180 runs for seven wickets. Tushar Date scored 64 runs. In reply, Nashik Rural struggled and bowled out for 79 runs. Karan Thombre and Dheeraj Gangaputra took two wickets each, leading Trimbakeshwar to a 101-run victory.

MARATHI BHASHA GAURAV DIN CELEBRATIONS

Horizon Academy



Students at Horizon Academy, Ojhar (MiG), enthusiastically celebrated Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din, embracing traditional Marathi attire and a cultural atmosphere. The programme showcased student talents through organisation of book Dindi, rendition of Abhang, Bharud, dance, and costume displays. The celebration began with the worship of Goddess Saraswati and a tribute to renowned Marathi poet Kusumagraj. Girl students Soumya Bhalekar (Class 5) and

Akshada Gadekar (Class 8) delivered insightful speeches on the significance of the day. Chief guest Prof. Chitra Patil from Sandhan Gurukul appreciated the students' performances and highlighted the importance of Marathi. Principal Meera Pandey provided valuable insights into Kusumagraj's literary contributions. The programme was compered by teacher Sanket Mali and students Kshitija Gadakh and Atmaj Randhir. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks.

Swami Vivekanand Vidyalaya



Swami Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Pan-chavati, celebrated Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din with enthusiasm. Principal Kishore Zoting paid tribute to renowned Marathi poet V.V. Shirwadkar, also known as Kusumagraj, by offering a garland to his image. Various activities were organized to highlight the richness of the Marathi language. Emphasizing the connection between literature and nature, students of the Eco Club created environmental awareness by showcasing poster sketches inspired by the saint's verse Vrikshavalli Amha Soyare Vanchare. Class VIII students add-

ed to the celebration by singing the poem 'Majhi Bhasha Majhi Aai'. As part of the initiative, a reading box was introduced based on an idea by Marathi language teacher Sachin Changte, with contributions from librarian Surekha Shirsath. Principal Zoting inaugurated the box and encouraged students to develop a reading habit by gifting books on their birthdays. To introduce students to the legacy of saints, some dressed as Janabai, Muktai, Tukaram, Namdev, and Dnyaneshwar, spreading awareness through slogans. Manisha Pawar guided students on the evolution and significance of the Marathi language, while a poetry recitation competition was also held. The winners were honoured with prizes. Shobha Mali shared insights into Kusumagraj's life and presented the poem 'Labhale Amhas Bhagya Bolto Marathi', while assistant teacher Dhanashree Garge recited a self-composed nature poem. Teachers Arun Jadhav, Jyoti Joshi, and Lalit Shardul contributed to the success of the programme.

Abhinav Bal Vikas Mandir



Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din was celebrated at MVP-run Abhinav Bal Vikas Mandir, Uttamnagar, Cidco, to mark the birth anniversary of renowned Marathi poet V V Shirwadkar. Headmistress Jyoti Pawar paid tribute to the poet by worshipping his image. Assistant teacher Sarika Chaudhary highlighted the history of the Marathi language and shared insights about the significance of the day. Students showcased their talents through various

Marathi-themed performances, including 'My Marathi Bhasha,' 'Gaurav Nritya,' a dance on the poem 'Prajaktachi Phule,' 'Gaurav Maharashtra,' and 'Bharud.' Headmistress Pawar appreciated the students' efforts and emphasized the importance of taking pride in the Marathi language. The event was compered by Bharati Aher. Teachers Laxman Pawar, Seema Shewale, and Rohini Gaikwad, along with non-teaching staff and students, attended the programme.

MUHS



Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) celebrated Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din on the birth anniversary of renowned Marathi poet V. V. Shirwadkar, known as Kusumagraj. Vice-Chancellor Lt. Gen. Madhuri Kanitkar (Retd.) honoured the occasion by garlanding Kusumagraj's image. Pro-Vice Chancel-

lor Dr. Milind Nikumbh, registrar Dr. Rajendra Bangal, controller of examinations Dr. Sandeep Kadu, finance and accounts officer Bodhikiran Sonkamble, and other officials also paid tribute to Kusumagraj. Public relations officer Dr. Swapnil Torane shared insights into Kusumagraj's literary contributions and recited his poetry.

Principal Purushottam Thorat chaired the programme, with vice principal Rangnath Ugale, Supervisor Rajendra Shelke, Shankar Kotwal, and Ramnath Rayate present on the dais. The dignitaries paid trib-

Maratha High School



ute to renowned Marathi poet V.V. Shirwadkar, also known as Kusumagraj, by worshipping his image. Students from Classes VII and IX presented performances, while Ishwari Malode, Bhargavi Lende, and Gauri Khute shared their thoughts. Teacher

Deepmala Zade also expressed her views. Principal Thorat spoke on the importance of the Marathi language. Ishwari Awhad and Janhvi Bhadane compered the programme, while Kartiki Patil and Supervisor Shankar Kotwal proposed the vote of thanks.

Gurukul Academy



A programme was organized at Gurukul Academy English Medium School Omkar Nagar on the occasion of Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din. The day marks the birth anniversary of great Marathi poet and novelist V V Shirwadkar. The day is celebrated with a view that every person in Maharashtra should have a love for Marathi language, be aware and be proud

of their mother tongue. On this occasion, the image of V V Shirwadkar was worshipped by the school principal Poonam Shinde. The students of the school presented speeches, poems, stories. Also, the teachers of the school Swapnali Mogal, Jayashree Badgujar, Vaishali Bhabad and Yamuna Bhoje also explained the importance of the day to the students.