

Gangapur Road - A traffic bottleneck

Traffic snarls at Bardan Phata-Jehan Circle

NASHIK: Rising vehicular numbers and inadequate planning continue to cause persistent traffic congestion in Nashik, with Gangapur Road emerging as a major trouble spot. Irresponsible driving, encroachments, and inadequate traffic management further aggravate the issue.

Gangapur Road witnesses severe traffic congestion, particularly near Shri Guruji Hospital and the route leading from Anandvalli to Chandsi. Vehicles from both directions rush forward without yielding, creating long queues. The increasing number of devotees visiting Navshya Ganpati temple has also contributed to congestion, as surrounding settlements have expanded. Additionally, an ancient banyan tree in the middle of the road further restricts traffic movement.



Bardan Phata has turned into another congestion hotspot due to heavy vehicular movement. Signals have been installed, but traffic remains chaotic due to: Vehicles heading toward Girnare and Shiva-

jinagar; Tourist activity around a popular hotel in the area; Citilinc buses stopping and parking in lines and encroachments by fruit vendors and roadside sellers.

The stretch between Ashok Stambh and Gangapur village has a high concentration of schools, colleges, and hospitals, adding to the daily traffic burden. New residential colonies are further straining the road capacity. De-

spite widening efforts, the rapid increase in vehicle numbers has negated any relief.

Gangapur Road is home to an affluent population, with many households owning multiple four-wheelers. Road expansion is not feasible, making efficient traffic regulation crucial. However, rampant violations—such as wrong-side driving and signal jumping—exacerbate the problem. Additionally, illegal parking and encroachments along the road further worsen congestion.

Although traffic signals exist in several locations, they are often disregarded, leading to near-accident situations. Authorities need to enforce stricter traffic regulations, clear illegal encroachments, and improve public transport efficiency to ease congestion in this critical area.

CP issues warning to inspectors

NASHIK: Following recent disturbances caused by drunken youths on Gangapur Road, the Police Commissioner, Sandeep Karnik, has issued a stern warning to all police station inspectors. He has instructed them to take strict action against miscreants and drunkards within their jurisdictions, emphasizing that failure to control such incidents will result in transfers.

The warning comes after the police registered cases against several drunk individuals following the disturbances ten days ago. Commissioner Karnik has directed regular crackdowns and requires regular updates on the actions taken. Last week, after the chaos in the city, the police stepped up their efforts with patrolling near liquor shops, detaining over 95 drunkards in a single night within the Ambad police station limits.

Gunde, Bansod transferred



NASHIK: In a recent administrative reshuffle, Nayana Gunde, the current Commissioner of Tribal Development Department in Nashik, has been transferred. She will be replaced by Leena Bansod, the Managing Director of the Maharashtra State Co-operative Tribal Development Corporation in Nashik. Bansod will now take over the position of Commissioner of Tribal Development in the district.

Nayana Gunde has been assigned to her new role as Commissioner, Women and Child, in Pune. Prior to this, Gunde served as the District Collector of Gondiya, and later moved to Nashik as the Tribal Commissioner following

ing the transfer of Hiralal Sonawane to the position of Commissioner of the Dairy Development Department in Mumbai.

On the other hand, Leena Bansod was formerly the Chief Executive Officer of the Nashik Zilla Parishad. In the same round of transfers, a total of nine IAS officers have been reassigned. Among them, Vijay Suryavanshi, a native of Nashik district, has been transferred to serve as the Divisional Commissioner of the Konkan Division.

Dr. Rajesh Deshmukh, Divisional Commissioner, Konkan Division, Mumbai has been posted as Commissioner, State Excise, Mumbai. Vimala R. State Project Director, Samra Siksha Abhiyan, Mumbai has been posted as Resident Commissioner and Secretary, Maharashtra Sadan, New Delhi. Siddharam Salimath Collector, Ahilyanagar has been posted as Commissioner, Sugar, Pune.

Water wastage a concern in New Nashik



NASHIK: Residents of New Nashik are seen wasting and misusing water on a large scale. Municipal Corporation has fixed varying water supply schedules to ensure equal distribution in each area. Water is supplied at different times—dawn, morning, afternoon, evening, and night—depending on the locality. However, many areas

experience fluctuating water pressure due to technical issues. Despite adequate rainfall this year, some responsible citizens stress the need for water conservation to prevent future shortages. The Municipal Corporation has begun penalizing those found wasting water and is urging residents to use water responsibly.

Water misuse

- Washing vehicles with pipes.
- Letting water overflow from tanks.
- Keeping taps open in bathrooms and toilets.
- Using water inefficiently while washing clothes and utensils.
- Installing water motors on connections, leading to unfair distribution.
- Lack of taps on water connections.

Administrative lapses

- Poor planning of water supply.
- Failure to repair leaking pipelines.
- Old, damaged pipelines not being replaced.
- Mixing of drainage water with drinking water.
- Unequal pipeline sizes leading to pressure imbalances.
- No action against those using electric motors to extract water.

Water should not be wasted. Reusing sewage water for various purposes is essential. Conservation is the need of the hour.

- Abhay Sonawane, local resident

When will people understand the value of water? Roads are flooded during supply hours. This wastage must stop.

- Swati Chaudhary, social worker

Many people misuse water without realizing its consequences. If this continues, severe water scarcity is inevitable.

- Akshay Pardeshi, social worker

Tribal dept exam on Feb 24

NASHIK: The tribal development department will conduct a written examination on Monday, February 24 for 80 posts including Librarian, Assistant Librarian, Laboratory Assistant, and Camera-man-Cum-Projector Operator. Eligible candidates will be able to download their hall tickets from the official website soon.

In October 2024, the department had announced a recruitment drive for 611 posts, including positions like Senior Tribal Development Inspector, Research Assistant, Deputy Accountant, and several clerical and stenographer roles.

Earlier last month, exams were held for the Typist (10 posts), Mid-Grade Stenographer (14 posts), and Higher Grade Stenographer (3 posts).

MOACON 2025 Conference from Feb 21



NASHIK: The 41st MOACON 2025 Conference, focusing on advanced treatment methods and modern technology in orthopedics, will be held from February 21 to 23, 2025, at Hotel Democracy, Trimbak Road, Satpur. Organized jointly by the Maharashtra Orthopaedic Association and the Nashik Orthopaedic Society, informed Dr. Prashant Sonawane, secretary of the organizing committee.

There will be guided tours for attending doctors of Nashik's major religious and tourist sites, including Soma Vineyards. Exhibition stalls will provide insights into modern orthopedic technology, treatment methods, and medicines.

Maharashtra Orthopaedic Association president Dr. Pradeep Kothadia, secretary Dr. Abhijit Waghgaonkar, treasurer Dr. Sandeep Biraris, and other

office bearers are taking since efforts in organizing the Conference.

MOACON 2025 is themed on 'Foundation to Frontiers' and will feature live telecast of six surgeries, workshops on trauma, arthroscopy, and arthroplasty, analysis of 31 unique cases, seven expert-led lectures, group discussions and research paper presentations and guidance sessions for postgraduate orthopedic students.

SHIV JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS



Gurukul Academy

Shiv Jayanti was celebrated at Gurukul Academy English Medium School Omkar Nagar Nashik. The programme was organized under the chairmanship of Poonam Shinde, principal. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's image was worshipped. The students dressed as Jijau Mata and some students wore saffron coloured kurtas. School teachers Jayashree Badgujar, Yogita Pathak, Vaishali Naik and Yamuna Bhoje delivered speeches on the life and biography of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and informed the children about it. The students also spoke about Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The students performed a dance. Nanda Thoke compered the programme.



Podar International School

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti was celebrated with immense zeal and grandeur at Podar International School, Ozar.

A magnification procession starting from Janshantidham Road to the school premises, accompanied by the rhythmic beats of dhol and cymbals was organised. Upon arrival at the school, the procession was welcomed with floral showers and a ceremonial worship of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's idol.

Students, presented a spectacular flag parade, paid a fitting tribute to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Principal Dr. Jasinth Parke, Shrivani Kamuzu, Vishal Mendhe, and other faculty members lighted the traditional lamp.

Cultural programmes were organized to mark the special occasion, include Powadas (Ballads), dramatic performance, and mesmerizing dances. The entire programmes were compered by Archana Thakare, Dipali Bharati.



The Nalanda Academy

The Nalanda Academy celebrated Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti with great fervour and enthusiasm. The entire school participated in a programme filled with cultural performances and tributes to the Maratha warrior king. The celebration commenced with a powerful Shivgarjana. A diverse cultural programme followed, showcasing the life and valour of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Highlights included a captivating Rajmata Jijau monologue, a stirring Powada performance, demonstrations of traditional martial arts like Lathi-Kathi and display of sword expertise, and an insightful speech on the life and achievements of the great leader.

Nashik crush DARC

NASHIK: Nashik defeated DARC by an innings and 113 runs in the two-day test match of the MCA Senior State Invitation League being held in Pune.

Batting first, DARC was bowled out for 108 runs on the first day by Nashik team. Yasar Shaikh took 4 wickets, Venkatesh Behere picked up 3 wickets, Vikas Waghmare took 2 wickets, and Prateek Tiwari claimed 1 wicket for Nashik.

In response, Nashik team declared their innings at 377 for 7, with Ravindra Matcha scoring an unbeaten 102. Kunal Kothawade (83), Aryan Palkar (52), and Satyajit Bachhav (44) also contributed valuable runs.

In the second innings, DARC managed only 156 runs, with Prateek Tiwari taking 3 wickets, Satyajit Bachhav and Prathamesh Kasbe claiming 2 each, and Yasar Shaikh picking up 1 wicket.

With this performance, Nashik secured a commanding victory by an innings and 113 runs.

National Football Tourney

Devlali FC clinches title



NASHIK: Devlali FC secured its first-ever National Football Tournament title with a 2-0 victory over Jalna in a closely contested final. The winners received a cash prize of Rs. 1,11,111, while the runner-up team was awarded Rs. 55,555.

Organized for the 13th consecutive year by Guru Sports and Social Foundation, the tournament took place at Anand Road Ground, drawing thousands of spectators.

Devlali FC took an early lead in the 10th minute when right winger Aniket Bahot netted a brilliant goal from a precise pass inside the small D area. Despite Jalna's counterattacks, Devlali's defense remained impenetrable. Just before halftime, Bahot struck again, extending the lead to 2-0. In the second

half, Jalna fought hard to equalize but struggled to break through Devlali's solid defense and outstanding goalkeeping.

With this victory, Devlali FC claimed the national title for the first time in 12 years.

The prizes were given by Devlali Cantonment Board CEO Abhishek Mani Tripathi, entrepreneur Maharaj Birmani, senior police inspector Sanjay Pise, K.G. Gupta, Sangram Phadke, Prinicy Lamba, and others. Prashant Kapse compered the programme and proposed the vote of thanks.

Club founding president Shibu Josh, along with Rajendra Sonawane, Wajid Syed, Dattu Sujure, and other members, played a key role in making the tournament a success.