

**Deshdoot Panchavati Annex Property Expo 2025**



HAL Workers Union member Deepak Bachhav visited the Property Expo. On the occasion, he was felicitated by General Manager (Advt) Amol Ghavare. Assistant General Managers (Advt) Sachin Kapadni and Milind Vaidya were also present.



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**Stalled CETP project may resume soon**

**NASHIK:** The long-pending Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) project in the industrial area, stalled since 2017 due to lack of government funding, may soon be revived. A recent meeting between industrial associations and the Metal Finishers Association led to discussions on taking concrete steps to restart the project.

Initially planned for the Ambad industrial area, the funding structure for the CETP was divided as follows: 50% from the Central government, 20% from MIDC, 25% from the Metal Finishers Association, and 5% from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. However, delays and policy

changes complicated the process. The closure of the Central government's funding scheme led to the transfer of funds to the state government, placing a larger financial burden on MIDC. With MIDC required to contribute 70% of the funds, uncertainty arose over the project's future.

Further setbacks occurred when the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board mandated a Zero Liquid Discharge system, escalating costs from Rs. 12 crore to Rs. 18 crore. The increased financial burden led to the Metal Finishers Association withdrawing its participation, stalling the project once again.

To resolve these issues,

a meeting was held between the Metal Finishers Association, NIMA, AIMA, industrial organizations, and MIDC Pollution Control Board officials. It was decided that MIDC must formally commit to providing 70% of the funds before entrepreneurs would contribute their share to move the project forward. Now this project is likely to come to fruition, said Metal Finishers Association office bearer Sameer Patwa.

There are evidences that MIDC has set up projects in other industrial areas on the same lines. With senior officials taking a positive approach, the long-delayed CETP project is now likely to resume soon.

**Uddhav Thackeray in Nashik on Apr 16**

**NASHIK:** Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray Party chief and former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray will visit Nashik on April 16 for a one-day camp, where he will interact with city and district office bearers, informed party's deputy leader Sudhakar Badgujar, joint liaison chief Datta Gaikwad, district chief D.G. Suryavanshi, and metropolitan chief Vilas Shinde during a press conference. In preparation for Thackeray's visit, divisional meetings will be held by district office bearers to ensure proper coordination.

Following the Lok Sabha election victory and the unexpected results of the State Assembly elections, there has been a sense of uncertainty

among party workers. To address their concerns and boost their morale, Thackeray, along with MP Sanjay Raut and other experts, will guide office bearers and workers during the camp.

The discussions will also focus on technical aspects of political strategy. The camp will be held at Manohar Garden from 10 am to 6 pm.

Efforts are already underway to make the camp a success. Division-wise and district-wide meetings have been planned, with city-level meetings scheduled from April 3 to 5, followed by taluka-level meetings from April 6 to 9. Various committees will also be formed in the coming days to oversee different aspects of the camp.

**Cheti Chand celebrated in city**

**NASHIK:** The Nashik Sindh Panchayat Samiti celebrated Cheti Chand, the Sindh New Year and birth anniversary of Ishtadev Jhulelal, with great enthusiasm yesterday.

To mark the occasion, a vehicle rally was organized, along with various religious and cultural programmes. The celebrations began at 2 pm with Bairana Saheb puja at the Ishtadev Jhulelal temple, located at Ramibai Bhavan on Tapovan-Link Road. The puja was conducted in the presence of Dr. Vijay Setpal Maharaj, Suraj Setpal Maharaj, Sunil Sharma Maharaj, and other religious leaders.

Following this, the vehicle rally commenced at 4 pm, starting from the temple and passing through Kathe Lane, Dwarka, Sarda Circle, and Shalimar, before concluding at Thak-

kar Dome. The rally saw enthusiastic participation from devotees on both two-wheelers and four-wheelers. The evening pro-

grammes at Thakkar Dome. The celebration concluded with various cultural performances.

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**Eklavya Model Residential Schools Admission process begins for 3,269 seats**

**NASHIK:** The admission process for 3,269 seats across 37 Eklavya Model Residential Schools in Maharashtra has commenced for the 2025-26 academic year. As part of this process, a preliminary entrance examination was conducted on February 23, and with the results now declared, the actual admissions have begun. The new academic session is set to commence on April 1, 2025.

The Tribal Development Department is actively working to enhance educational opportunities for Scheduled Tribe (ST)

students. Applications were invited for new and vacant seats in Classes VI to IX, receiving a total of 13,920 applications—including 7,022 boys and 6,898 girls for Classes VIII and IX. Additionally, 7,450 students (3,839 boys and 3,611 girls) across Maharashtra applied for Class VI.

A total of 14,148 students appeared for the Eklavya Residential School Entrance Preliminary Examination. Based on their performance, school-wise selection lists have been published

under the Additional Commissioner's Office for the Nashik, Thane, Amravati, and Nagpur divisions. These lists have also been displayed at all Eklavya Model Residential Schools. School principals have personally contacted the parents of selected students to inform them about their admission status.

The Tribal Development Department has urged parents of selected students to immediately confirm interim admission to secure their child's seat.

*There are 37 Eklavya Model Residential Schools in Maharashtra, operated under the Maharashtra Tribal Public School Society. As these schools follow the CBSE curriculum, the academic session will commence on April 1, 2025. Students who have been selected based on merit should complete their interim admission at the earliest.*

*- Leena Bansod, Commissioner, Tribal Development Dept*

**Arush selected for Navodaya School**

**NASHIK:** Arush Gaikwad, a Class V student of Horizon Academy, Yeola, run by MVP, has successfully cleared the Navodaya entrance examination and secured admission to Navodaya School.

MVP general secretary Adv. Nitin Thakare, Yeola tehsil director Nandkumar Bankar, education officer Dr. Kailash Shinde, school principal Sunita Hingde, and the teaching staff, extended their congratulations to Arush for his success.



**Nandini river revival efforts begin in Mahirawani**

**NASHIK:** Once a revered part of Nashik's cultural heritage, the Nandini river has now deteriorated into a polluted drain. Originating from Anjaneri and flowing through Mahirawani village, the river has suffered from silt accumulation, leading to a significant drop in water levels. In an effort to restore its former glory, a revival campaign has been launched in Mahirawani, aiming to rejuvenate the river, improve groundwater levels, and benefit local agriculture.

The project has been undertaken by the Rotary Club of Nashik, with funding from Akron Plast Limited under its CSR



initiative. Rotary District Provincial Governor Rajendra Singh Khurana officially inaugurated the campaign, following the efforts of social activist Dattatray Dhage from Belgaon Dhaga, along with Mahirawani's sarpanch and villagers. Rotary president Om

Prakash Rawat and project secretary Prof. Hemraj Rajput pledged their full support to ensure the project's success. Rotary secretary Shilpa Parakh, Deputy Provincial Governor Omkar Mahale, Vinayak Deodhar, Sujata Rajee Bahadur, Shrivijay Pandit, and others were also present.

**Need for tree, water, forest conservation: Dr. Wani**

**NASHIK:** Addressing the growing crisis of global climate change, Dr. A. G. Wani, former head of the agriculture department at Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, emphasized the need for tree, water, and forest conservation. He urged awareness and timely action to mitigate climate risks while highlighting the significance of water management and organic farming.

Dr. Wani was speaking as the chief guest at a programme marking World Forest Day, Water Day, and Climate Day at Karmayogi Dulaji Sitararam Patil Agricultural College, run by Maratha Vidya Prasarak Samaj Sanstha.

During his address, he educated students on forest conservation, sus-



tainable water practices, and the impact of climate change. He also underscored the benefits of organic farming in preserving environmental balance.

Presiding over the programme, principal Dr. Bapusaheb Bhakre stressed the interdependence of forests, water, and climate. He explained how forests contribute to water availability, which in turn influences climate

conditions, creating a sustainable ecological cycle essential for human prosperity.

Faculty members Dr. R D Bedse and Dr. D R Nikam, along with student Vaishnavi Deore, expressed their views. The programme saw active participation from students and faculty. The programme was compered by Dr. Vishal Game, while Prof. Smita Prachand proposed the vote of thanks.

**All India University Competition**

**Ayodhya rowing club rowers shine**



**NASHIK:** Rowers from Ayodhya Rowing Club, representing Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, delivered an impressive performance at the All India Inter University Rowing Competition held in Chandigarh from March 23 to 28, securing silver and bronze medals.

In the 2 km event, brothers Krishna Shelke and Ram Shelke clinched

bronze medals. Additionally, in the team event, Krishna Shelke, Moin Shaikh, Digambar Gavali, and Sumit Gavali showcased strong coordination in the 500-metre race, earning a silver medal for their team. "We benefited greatly from the guidance of Dattu Bhokanal, which boosted our confidence and helped us perform well," said double medalist Krishna Shelke.

**Strict enforcement of Drug Control Act is needed: Zagade**



**NASHIK:** Effective enforcement of drug regulations is essential to ensure safety and prevent risks associated with uncontrolled drug sales, said retired Chief Secretary and former FDA Commissioner Mahesh Zagade. He was speaking at a lecture organized by the Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) Nashik branch and the College of Pharmacy, run by Maratha Vidya Prasarak Samaj Sanstha.

Zagade highlighted that many drug traders operate without qualified pharmacists despite holding licenses. The absence of pharmacists increases the risk of improper medication use and potential health hazards. He also pointed out that antibiotics are being sold without prescriptions,

which can lead to antibiotic resistance—a growing threat to public health.

Referring to the deaths of 66 children in Gambia due to contaminated medicines exported from India, Zagade stressed the need for a more efficient drug control system. The presence of ethylene glycol and diethylene glycol in these medicines, despite being banned, underscores regulatory lapses.

He urged colleges to educate students on 'descriptive innovation' and called for major curriculum reforms in pharmacy and science education. Strengthening academic standards will enhance research and global job prospects for Indian students, he added. Zagade also spoke

about India's historical economic standing, noting that in the 1750s, India and China contributed 20-25% of the global GDP. However, while China and the US now lead in research and patent filings, India still lags despite recent improvements.

Principal Dr. Dilip Derle made an introductory speech and IPA president Dr. Rajendra Bhambre delivered a welcome speech. Vice principal Dr. Milind Wagh highlighted key aspects of Zagade's career. The lecture was coordinated by Dr. Supriya Sandhan and the lecture committee.

IPA joint secretary Dr. D. K. Patil, treasurer Dr. S. V. Amritkar, Council member Dr. A. D. Maru, and others were also present.