

## DCP (crime) post: Kale or Chavan? Commissioner to decide

**NASHIK:** With recent transfers in the Indian Police Service and State Police Service reshuffling top ranks across Maharashtra, Nashik city police now faces a key decision: who will take charge of the important crime department. The transfer of Deputy Commissioners of Police (DCP) Prashant Bachhav (Crime) and Chandrakant Khandvi (Headquarters) has left both posts vacant, prompting speculation over whether incoming officers Kishor Kale or Yogesh Chavan will be handed the reins by Commissioner of Police Sandeep Karnik.

Kale, currently posted as Additional Superintendent of Police in Dhule, and Chavan, who comes from the Chief Minister's security department, are the two new DCPs assigned to Nashik. With the Simhashta Kumbh Mela and municipal elections on the horizon, the Com-

missioner of Police's decision is being closely watched, and observers expect efforts to balance competence with political and administrative sensitivity.

Meanwhile, Bharat Tangde has been appointed as Superintendent of Nashik's Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), arriving from Thane Rural. Former DCP (Crime) Prashant Bachhav has been moved to the Civil Rights Protection Department in Kolhapur, while DCP (Headquarters) Chandrakant Khandvi has been transferred to the Training Centre in Dhule.

As no transfer orders have yet been issued for current DCPs Kiran Kumar Chavan (Circle I) and Monika Raut (Circle II), speculation is also rife that one of them might be shifted to the vacant crime or headquarters roles, with Kale and Chavan possibly taking over Circle I and II instead.

### ACP transfers likely

Transfers may also affect three Assistant Commissioners. ACP Padmaja Badhe of the Panchavati division currently holds additional charge of the traffic branch. ACPs Nitin Jadhav (Sarkarwada), Dr. Sachin Bari (Nashik Road), and Shekhar Deshmukh (Ambad) are nearing the end of their tenures and may be shifted.

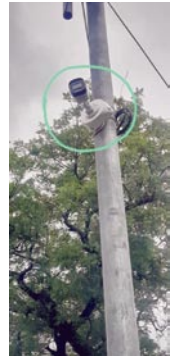
At headquarters, ACP Sangeeta Nikam is close to retirement, while ACP Sandeep Mitke currently manages both crime and special branch responsibilities in addition to the headquarters. Given these circumstances, two to three new ACP-level appointments are expected soon as part of the ongoing reshuffle.



Potholes have once again surfaced on the Chandori-Saikheda bridge over the Godavari river, adding to the growing concerns over the lack of safety measures. With no protective railings on either side, commuters are forced to risk their lives while crossing the bridge. Locals from Chandori and Saikheda have urged authorities to repair the potholes immediately and install railings on both sides to prevent mishaps.

## CCTV cameras installed in Deolali Camp

**NASHIK:** In response to rising concerns about crime, CCTV cameras have been installed at important locations in the Deolali Camp area following demands from local residents and business owners.



Newly appointed police inspector Shrinivas Deshmukh acted on the request, setting up surveillance at spots such as the old bus stand, Vijay Nagar, and Ahuja Complex. He stated that the move will aid in crime prevention.

Police constables Rajendra Mojad, Anil Pawar, Rahul Balkawade, and others were present during the installation.

## Cancer detection drive in district from July 1

**NASHIK:** A large-scale cancer awareness and screening campaign was carried out across Nashik district between February 9 and June 30 by the Public Health Department. During this period, 7,277 screening camps were held, and over 10 lakh people were screened for oral, breast, and cervical cancers. From these screenings, 928 suspected cases were identified. Of these, 95 underwent biopsies and 70 were confirmed as cancer patients. Treatment was initiated for 23 patients at government hospitals, while 47 were referred to private hospitals under the Mahatma Phule Jan Arogya Yojana.

Building on this effort, the district health department, under the guidance of District Collector Jalaj Sharma and CEO Ashima Mittal, is

launching a mobile cancer diagnostic van campaign across rural areas from July 1 to 31. The van will visit various lo-



cations across Nashik district to detect and assist cancer patients at the earliest.

This campaign will be supervised by senior officials including District Surgeon Dr. Charudatta Shinde, District

been urged to attend the van's scheduled visits, especially if they experience symptoms such as persistent mouth sores, red or white patches in the mouth, voice changes, or lumps in the breast.

Women are particularly encouraged to consult gynecologists for any menstrual irregularities, unusual discharge, or pain, and to conduct regular self-examinations for early signs of breast cancer.

The main aim of this initiative is early diagnosis and treatment, as cancer often goes undetected or unreported due to fear or stigma. Citizens showing symptoms are urged to take full advantage of this campaign. Ashima Mittal, Deputy Director Dr. Kapil Aher, Dr. Shinde, and Dr. More have appealed.

## NMC warns to remove encroachments voluntarily

**NASHIK:** The anti-encroachment team of the Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) east division conducted an inspection drive across key areas of Old Nashik, including Sarda Circle, Wadala Naka, Wadala Mohammad Ali Road, and Pakhal Road. During the drive, personnel issued warnings to shopkeepers and residents to voluntarily remove encroachments in front of their establishments or face strict action.

Simultaneously, similar operations are underway in the eastern division of the

city. The NMC east division's anti-encroachment department is actively running a anti-encroachment campaign in areas like Dwarka. Shop owners and residents have been specifically instructed to remove unauthorized sheds in front of shops, illegal extensions in apartments and societies, rooms built with metal sheets, and other unlawful structures.

The department has appealed to citizens to cooperate and remove these encroachments on their own to avoid penalties or face action.

## State Sepak Takraw C'ship

## Nashik, Nagpur, Wardha shine on Day 2

**NASHIK:** The 35th Maharashtra State Sepak Takraw Championship for the senior group, organized by the Nashik District Sepak Takraw Association with the approval of the Maharashtra Sepak Takraw Association, is underway at the divisional sports complex in Panchavati, Nashik. On the second day of the championship, group-stage league matches witnessed dominant performances from teams across the state.

In the men's category, host team Nashik began their campaign with a convincing 2-0 win over Akola, followed by another 2-0 victory against Jalna, taking a commanding lead in their group. Wardha registered a solid 2-0 win against Solapur, while Jalgaon overpowered Pune with the same margin. Nagpur, one of the strong contenders, also got off to a winning start by defeating Amravati 2-0.

The women's group matches were

equally competitive, with Nashik delivering a standout performance by defeating a strong Nagpur side 2-1.



Continuing their momentum, the Nashik women's team went on to beat Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar 2-0, securing a spot in the knockout stage. In other women's group matches, Solapur's Pune team triumphed over Akola 2-0, Wardha also overcame

Akola 2-0, and Nanded cruised to a 2-0 victory over Mumbai.

According to the technical com-

mittee, the remaining knockout matches will be completed in the morning today, June 30. The semi-finals are scheduled for the afternoon, followed by the final match in the evening, bringing the championship to an exciting conclusion.

## Sports Week concludes today

**NASHIK:** As part of the World Olympic Day celebrations, a sports week has been organised in Nashik from June 23 to 30, featuring a range of competitions including table tennis, tennis volleyball, and carrom. The events witnessed enthusiastic participation from young athletes as well as senior players.

In the over-40 table tennis tournament for women, the duo of Sunita Dhatinagan and Swati Agharkar clinched the title by defeating Trupti Yadav and Rohini Sahastrabudde in the final match. The third place was secured by Geeta Kumthekar and Dr. Swati Zhanwar. In the men's category, a nail-biting final saw Ganesh Kulkarni and Suresh Sharma emerge victorious over Augustine D'Mello and Nelamangala

Vasudev with a narrow 4-3 win. The third-place position was jointly awarded to the pairs of Shivanand Kundaje-Suhas Agharkar and Milind Bhardhe.

On June 29, the tennis volleyball competitions for boys and girls under the age of 17 were held, covering singles, doubles, and mixed doubles matches. In the boys' singles final, Prateek Bachhav of Satana outplayed Tanmay Pawar of Igatpuri with scores of 21-18 and 21-17 to claim the title. In doubles, Satana's Pranav Nikam and Jagdish Khairnar overcame a first-set loss (19-21) to win the next two sets 21-16 and 21-17, securing the championship.

In the girls' singles category, Avani Kamble of N.T.P.S. Club secured first place, followed by Rupali Medhe of Igatpuri

in second and Gargi Rege of N.T.P.S. in third. In doubles, N.T.P.S. players Poorna Purnik and Shreya Jadhav lifted the trophy, while Komal Shinde and Rupali Mangle finished as runners-up. The mixed doubles event was won by Vaishnavi Shinde and Sarthak Khairnar of Satana, with Divya Thorat and Harsh Sonawane of N.T.P.S. taking second place and Anushka Jadhav and Devidas Kaiwari of Igatpuri finishing third.

The carrom competition, also part of the week-long event, saw strong participation from the 17-year-old age group. In the boys' category, Utkarsh Pardeshi claimed the title after defeating Avijit Rai 25-12 and 25-15 in the final. Ankur Aher secured third place and Mayuresh Phugare finished fourth.

In the girls' final, Kartiki Walunj triumphed over Prachi Manwar in a gripping three-set battle. Although Prachi took the lead by winning the first set 25-14, Kartiki fought back to win the next two sets 25-19 and 25-16. Rituja Pingale secured third place, while Dishali Baldawa came fourth.

The carrom tournament was inaugurated by Dr. Hanumant Lunge, secretary of the Maharashtra Throw Ball Association and recipient of the Shiv Chhatrapati Award. A total of 123 players from various schools in Nashik participated in the 17-and-under age group competitions.

The prize distribution ceremony for all competition will be held today, June 30, at the Kalika temple trust hall.

## Tree plantation drive at St. Lawrence



**NASHIK:** With the aim of fostering the value of protecting the environment, a tree plantation drive was organised for grade 10 students at St. Lawrence High School and Junior College.

The students were divided into different groups and led to pre-designated planting zones around the school campus. Armed with shovels, and lots of enthusiasm, each group planted saplings such as Night Jasmine, Ashoka,

Mango, Peepal, Guava, Amla, etc. The school management wasn't far behind in putting in their contribution in saving the environment and they planted saplings like Rubber plant, Peace Lily, Bryophyllum.

Not only these but many more saplings like the brinjal, tomato, chilli, etc. were planted in the kitchen garden and medicinal plants like turmeric, lemon grass, carom seeds and Tulsi were planted too.

## Sunrise School pays homage to Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj



**NASHIK :** MVP-run Sunrise School paid homage to Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj on his birth anniversary. The school principal Dnyaneshwar Dhikale worshipped the idol of Shahu Maharaj.

Anushka Kuyte, a student of Class VII, gave information about Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj. Principal Dhikale said that Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj was a visionary leader. He is known for social

reforms. "The welfare of society means one's own welfare" is one of his famous sentences. He highlighted the importance of education to eliminate poverty, superstition and ignorance. He said that the work he has done for the welfare of society is inspiring for all.

On this occasion, the principal, students, teachers and non-teaching staff paid homage to Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj.

## Gurukul Academy English Medium School



**NASHIK:** Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj's birth anniversary was celebrated with great enthusiasm on June 26 at Gurukul Academy English Medium School, Omkar Nagar, Nashik.

The programme was chaired by the school principal Poonam Shinde. The students were informed about the valuable works done by Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj in social and education sectors.

Pratibha Gangurde and Suvarna Kotkar informed the students about the life and work of Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj by telling different incidents in his life. Students of Class III and IV gave speeches about Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj.

The programme was coordinated by Nanda Thoke and Jayshree Badgujar proposed the vote of thanks.

## 36th foundation day of YCMOU tomorrow

**NASHIK:** The 36th foundation day of Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU) will be celebrated tomorrow, Tuesday, July 1, at the university's headquarters in Nashik. India's eminent nuclear scientist and former chairman of the Indian Atomic Energy Commission Dr. Anil Kakodkar will be present.

The university has planned a series of events to mark the celebration. One of the highlights will be the unveiling of a half-bust of the university's founding Vice Chancellor, the late Prof. Ram Takwale, in recognition of his pioneering contributions to open learning in Maharashtra.

For the first time, the university will present the 'Yash Jeevan Gaurav Puraskar' to five distinguished individuals who have made significant contributions to the development of Maharashtra. This year's recipients include Padma Shri Chaitram Pawar for

his work in environmental conservation, agriculture, and forestry; Prof. Ranganath Pathare for literature; Prakash Pathak for his efforts in economy, entrepreneurship, and social work; Ashok Katariya for achievements in industry and education; and Vivek Sawant for his contributions to information technology.

As part of the ceremony, the university will also felicitate five former Vice Chancellors — Prof. Dr. B. P. Sable, Prof. Dr. Rajan Velurkar, Prof. Dr. Manikrao Salunke, Prof. Dr. E. Vayunandan, and Prof. Dr. M. G. Takwale, who also served as the Vice Chancellor of Shivaji University, Kolhapur. In addition, Dr. Pandit Palande, former Pro-Vice Chancellor of YCMOU and former Vice Chancellor of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar University in Bihar, and Dr. Anuradha Deshmukh, former professor of YCMOU, will also be honoured, informed university registrar Dilip Bharad.