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Navrang Mitra Mandal



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Prerna Mandal

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Third leopard trapped at Pimpalgaon Khamb



NASHIK: A third leopard has been trapped in Pimpalgaon Khamb. The animal was caught around midnight on Monday, September 2, in a cage installed near the filter plant. This trap comes just eight days after two other leopards were trapped in

the same area, following a fatal attack on a child last month. The attack, which claimed the life of four-year-old Ayush Bhagat of Wadner Dumala on the eve of Raksha Bandhan festival, had sparked outrage among residents. Led

by former corporator Keshav Porje, villagers held a protest march demanding action from the forest department. In response, 15 cages were installed across Wadner Dumala and Pimpalgaon Khamb areas. Former corporators Keshav Porje and Jagdish Pawar reached the spot after learning about leopard was trapped. Thereafter forest officials were informed about. They then arrived at the spot and after inspecting the cage they moved the leopard to Mhasrul. The incident drew large crowds of villagers, many gathering to catch a glimpse of the trapped animal.

6,000 gelatin sticks, detonators seized



NASHIK: In a major crackdown on illegal explosives, rural police seized over 6,000 gelatin sticks along with thousands of electric detonators during raids in Sarul village of Wadivirhe area. The action comes just two days after city police arrested a scrap dealer and two others for dumping gelatin sticks in the Mumbai Naka area. Based on confidential information received by Additional Superintendent of Police (SP) Aditya Mirkhelkar, a special team was formed to raid unauthorized godowns in Sarul. Acting on this input, inspector Bhagwan Mathure of Wadivirhe police station, assistant inspector Dinkar Munde from the SP's office, sub-inspector Amol Suryavanshi and their colleagues along with the dog squad and bomb detection team, carried out searches in Sarul on Tuesday

(September 2). During the raids, the police recovered 49 boxes containing 6,125 gelatin sticks, 2,200 electric detonators and 150 metres of D.F. wire, together worth Rs. 95,750. The explosives had been stored dangerously close to houses and sheds without mandatory licenses. The accused have been identified as Gorakh Bajirao Dhage (34), Vikas Navale, Omkar Kailas Navale (23), and Gaurav Mohan Navale (32), all residents of Sarul, along with Deepak Dashrath Kshirsagar (32), a resident of Shingve Bahula. In addition, Amit Ajmera and Kothavde, both trained handlers of explosives, have also been booked. Police said the trained handlers failed in their duty to ensure safety, despite knowing that keeping gelatin sticks and detonators together could lead to a devastating explosion.

Superintendent of Police Balasaheb Patil has ordered a strict drive against illegal trades and directed officials to strengthen crime prevention across the district.

The village would have been destroyed...

In Sarul village, gelatin sticks and detonators were kept recklessly inside a metal shed and next to a residential house without any official license. The suspects Amit and Kothavde, who were trained to handle explosives, sold gelatin sticks but failed to follow mandatory procedures such as recording sales or storing unused stock in designated magazines. Police officials stated that if these explosives had accidentally gone off, the entire village would have been destroyed.

Suno AI Competition held at New Era



NASHIK: New Era English School organized the Suno AI Competition at its campus. It brought together students' innovative talents while blending art, storytelling, and artificial intelligence into an engaging platform. The programme commenced with a warm welcome speech, setting the tone for the day, followed by a soulful prayer that invoked positivity and inspiration. RJ Rudra was present as the chief guest. The competition unfolded with enthusiastic participation from students, showcasing their creative ideas, AI-driven concepts, and storytelling flair. A demo workshop was conducted for the students of Science & Tech-

nology club and Music club by a skilled trainer. A total of 56 students participated in this competition. In his remarks, RJ Rudra encouraged the students to embrace creativity, confidence, and curiosity, reminding them that 'AI can support imagination, but the real power lies in human stories, emotions, and originality'. As the judge of the competition, he evaluated the performances and selected the most deserving winners. The prize distribution ceremony recognized the outstanding efforts of students, applauding both the winners and all participants for their dedication. The Winners are as follows - Arya Mahajan (8th Std.) and Tanvi Maher (8th

Std.) won the first prize for their self-written composition in the educational theme. Sarthak Sonar (6th Std.) won the Second prize for his AI-Generated composition in the motivational theme. Swastishri Kharde (6th Std.) won the third prize for her AI-generated composition based on the musical instrument tabla. Anush Bhambare (7th Std.) & Aayu Shinde (7th Std.) won the fourth prize for the AI-Generated composition in the educational theme. The consolation prizes were bagged by Abhishek Vidhate, Aarav Gavate, Shrihan Shete, Sangram Sawant (6th Std.) & Nimish Bamnodkar and Krushna Deshmukh from (9th Std.). The programme concluded with the vote of thanks.

Appeal to avoid immersion of Ganesh idols in lakes, dams

NASHIK: The Soil and Water Conservation Department has appealed to citizens not to immerse lord Ganesh idols or Nirmalya in lakes, dams, and other water bodies under its jurisdiction. The water stored in these conservation schemes is mainly used for drinking and agricultural purposes, serving both city and villages as well as those in the dam catchment areas. With Ganeshotsav 2025 drawing to a close, Regional Water Conservation Officer H. K. Gite has urged people to avoid idol immersion in reservoirs, irrigation ponds, storage ponds, percolation tanks, village ponds, and Kolhapur-style barrages.

The department warned that immersion in these places not only pollutes water but also endangers aquatic life and poses risks to human safety. To safeguard reservoirs and ensure pollution-free dam areas, the department has advised local bodies and gram panchayats to create temporary artificial ponds for idol immersion. It has also asked that separate Nirmalya Kalash be arranged for flowers and other offerings. The department emphasized that cooperation from citizens is essential to maintain clean water sources and to prevent environmental damage during the immersion period.

Dr. Jha elected president of Rotary Club of Nashik Udyami

NASHIK: Dr. Govind Kumar Jha has been elected as the new president of the Rotary Club of Nashik Udyami. He formally took charge at the installation ceremony, where he was administered the oath in the presence of the Rotary Provincial Governor. The installation ceremony was attended by former Provincial Governor Dada Deshmukh, AIMA president Lalit Boob, AIMA vice president Umesh Kothawade, Rotarian Biswesh Swarnakar, Deputy Provincial Governor Santosh Bhatt, the president and secretary of Rotary Nine Hills Club, State Bank chief manager Sangram, and many others. After assuming office, Dr. Jha

said that the Rotary Club of Nashik Udyami has always been committed to the welfare of society. He added that in the coming period, the entire team will work together to undertake and implement activities at both social and national levels, with the noble cause of service being their central objective. The new executive committee was also sworn in on this occasion. As per Rotary tradition, the office bearers were presented with pins and took an oath to uphold Rotary's values and responsibilities. The committee includes secretary Shrilal Pandey, treasurer Kailash Yadav, Sergeant-at-Arms Akhilesh Prapajati, membership director Vinod Kumbhar and other office bearers.

Fravashi Academy hosts 'Samvaad - The Second Edition'

NASHIK: Fravashi Academy hosted Samvaad - The Second Edition on the theme 'Justice in the Age of Algorithms: Who Holds the Power in the Digital World?'. The event brought together eminent personalities who shared insights on law, technology, security, and leadership in the digital era. Chief guest D. Sivanandhan, former DGP Maharashtra and Commissioner of Police, Mumbai, was felicitated for his 35+



years of distinguished service and his humanitarian initiatives like the Mum-

bai Roti Bank. Panelists included Shital Bangad, Judicial Offi-

cer; Bangad, Judicial Officer; Adv. Sachin Bhate, criminal law practitioner;

Ashwin Kandoi, co-founder, Winjit Technologies; and Navin Tikoo, senior IT professional. They discussed justice, cyber security, entrepreneurship, and innovation in today's world. Sivanandhan also instituted two rolling trophies for the Best Performing Girl and Boy of Fravashi Schools. Additionally, 12 students presented research papers aligned with the theme, showcasing creativity and awareness.