

Diwali glow at Wagh Guruji school

NASHIK: The festival of Diwali was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Wagh Guruji Bal Shikshan Mandir, a school run by the Maratha Vidya Prasarak Samaj Sanstha, Nashik. Students from Adarsh Shishu Vihar and the Primary Department showcased vibrant dances and melodious songs depicting the various festivals observed during the Diwali season, highlighting their cultural and spiritual significance.

The celebration began with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. The event was graced by MVP Sanstha General Secretary Nitinji Thakare, Secretary Dilip Dalvi, Director Adv. Laxman Landge, Ramesh Pingle, and Primary Edu-



cation Officer Daulat Jadhav. Also present were School Management Committee Chairman

Dnyaneshwar Sonawane, Headmaster Shinde Sir of New Maratha High School, Headmistress

Meenakshi Gaidhani of Abhinav Bal Vikas Mandir, Headmaster Tandale of Bal Shikshan Mandir,

and several other dignitaries.

School Head Pushpa Landge welcomed and felicitated all the guests. Addressing the gathering, Nitinji Thakare and Dr. Sharad Patil appreciated the students' performances and lauded their efforts with applause.

The program was skillfully compered by student Patil and Assistant Teacher Sarika Vadge, while Senior Teacher Kalpana Patil proposed a vote of thanks. The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation of parents, guardians, teachers, school management members, non-teaching staff, and students, making it a memorable celebration of lights, learning, and togetherness.

Fort-making competition tomorrow



NASHIK: On the occasion of Diwali, Sarvanik Vachanalay, Nashik Sane Guruji Kathamala has organized a fort-making competition on Friday, October 17, from 11 am to 2 pm at Late G. H. Deshpande Udyan Vachanalaya, Gangapur Road, Nashik.

The soil for fort-making will be provided by Bal Bhavan, while participants must bring their own decorative materials. Each group should consist of

four to five students, and the entry fee is Rs. 100 per group.

Additionally, competitions for sky lantern making and gift card designing will be held on Saturday, October 18, at 11 am at the same venue. The events aim to encourage creativity among students and celebrate Diwali with a blend of tradition and art, informed Suresh Gaidhani and Bal Bhavan Chief Prerna Bele.

Ramshej fort cleaned

NASHIK: The entire Ramshej Fort was cleaned in a dedicated drive organized by the All India Local Self Government Organization. Plastic water bottles, food packets, and other waste from the fort area were collected to restore cleanliness.

The drive was conducted as part of the centenary celebrations of the organization, with 78 students from its Fire Fighting and Sanitary Inspector courses participating actively. During the drive, the participants removed garbage, plastic bottles, food packets, and overgrown grass from the fort premises. Special attention was given to the area around the Ram Temple, where all waste was collected and disposed of properly.

Vachan Sankalp Maharashtra

Book exhibition opens at district library office



NASHIK: On the occasion of Reading Inspiration Day, celebrated every year on October 15 to mark the birth anniversary of former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, a special book exhibition of Diwali Issues was inaugurated at the District Library Office under the state-wide initiative "Vachan Sankalp Maharashtra."

The exhibition was inaugurated

by Assistant Library Director Sachin Jopule in the presence of District Library Officer Sunil Jagtap and several avid readers including Meenal Tembhe, Rajendra Shinde, Rupali Kakade, Mankar, and Amol Joshi.

The exhibition will remain open for visitors from October 15 to 17 during office hours. District Library Officer Jagtap urged citizens, as well

Highlighting the importance of cultivating a reading habit, Jagtap said the library houses a rich collection of books in Marathi, Hindi, and English, covering diverse subjects such as biographies of great personalities, literature, reference works, novels, personality development, women's literature, children's books, and competitive exam guides.

as schools, colleges, and social organizations, to visit the exhibition, become library members, and explore the wide range of reading materials available.

The library also provides free access to books, newspapers, and magazines in its reading room during office hours. Jagtap appealed to citizens to actively participate in the reading movement and help expand the community of readers in the district.

Anand Melawa brings learning and fun

NASHIK:

Untwadi Primary School organized an Anand Melawa (Fun Fair) to give students practical exposure to business concepts, foster interest in entrepreneurship, boost self-confidence, and enhance communication skills.

Students, along with their parents, actively participated in the fair. Under the guidance of Headmistress Surekha Borse, children enthusiastically engaged in buying and selling activities, gaining firsthand experience in basic trade and money management. The event was inaugurated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Vijay Mapari, Deputy Headmaster of Untwadi Secondary School.

A day to read, A day to remember Kalam



NASHIK: Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's birth anniversary was celebrated at Gurukul Academy English Medium School, Omkar Nagar, Nashik. The program was moderated by teacher Nanda Thoke.

Students gave slogans and teachers told the students the importance of reading through songs and speeches. The statue of

President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was worshipped by the school's principal Poonam Shinde.

Students of class III and IV gave information about the life of Missile Man Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam in Marathi, Hindi and English. Teachers' sentiments were expressed by Jayshree Badgajar, Yogita Pathak, Pratibha Gan-

gurde, Pooja Surule.

Vote of thanks was given by Yogita Pathak of the school. On this occasion, all the teachers and non-teaching staff and students were present in large numbers.

Everyone worked together to make the program a success. The program concluded with Vande Mataram.

‘Headquarters’ clinch overall title Musical concert Swarsadhana enchants audience

36th Police Sports Competition concludes in style

NASHIK: The 36th Police Sports Competition, organized to promote fitness and relieve work-related stress among police personnel, concluded on a high note on Wednesday after three days of spirited contests.

The City Police Headquarters men's and women's teams once again emerged overall champions, retaining their titles from last year.

The event featured exciting matches in hockey, football, volleyball, kabaddi, basketball, and other sports, held at the Police Parade Ground on

Sharanpur Road.

The closing ceremony, held on October 15, took place in the presence of Simhashta Authority Commissioner Shekhar Singh, who presented trophies and shields to the winning teams and players.

Police Commissioner Sandeep Karnik, Deputy Commissioners Kirithika C.M., Kiran Kumar Chavan, Kishore Kale, and Monika Raut were also present on the dais.

The competition ended amid cheers and applause, celebrating teamwork, sportsmanship, and the indomitable spirit of Nashik's police force.

Results summary

❖ **Overall Champions: Men:** Police Headquarters, **Women:** Police Headquarters

❖ **Best athletics: Women:** Ashwini Bombale, **Men:** Santosh Buchde

❖ **Track events: 100m (Men):** Gorakh Jadhav, **100m (Women):** Sanika Kedare, **1500m (Men):** Santosh Buchde, **10,000m (Men):** Hari Ahire

❖ **Team sports (Men)**

❖ **Football:** Police Headquarters (Winner), Zone One (Runner-up)

❖ **Hockey:** Police Headquarters (Winner), Zone One (Runner-up)

❖ **Volleyball:** Zone One (Winner), Police Commissioner's Office (Runner-up)

❖ **Kabaddi:** Police Headquarters (Winner), Zone Two (Runner-up)

❖ **Basketball:** Zone One (Winner), Police Commissioner's Office (Runner-up)

❖ **Handball:** Zone Two (Winner), Police Commissioner's Office (Runner-up)

❖ **Team Sports (Women)**

❖ **Volleyball:** Police Headquarters (Winner), Zone Two (Runner-up)

❖ **Basketball:** Police Commissioner's Office (Winner), Police HQ (Runner-up)

❖ **Kho-Kho:** Zone One (Winner), Police Headquarters (Runner-up)

❖ **Kabaddi:** Zone Two (Winner), Police Commissioner's Office (Runner-up).



NASHIK: The 64th edition of the monthly Shastriya Sangeet Sabha (Classical Musical Concert) -- Swarsadhana -- was held with great enthusiasm and reverence, marking another memorable evening for classical music lovers.

The program was inaugurated by the institution's founders — Pandit Shankarrao Vairagkar, Jagdish Vairagkar, Sudha

Vairagkar, Karan Deogaonkar, Atharva Ware, and Sanskar Janorkar.

The concert commenced with Raga Madhuvanti, where Karan Deogaonkar rendered a graceful performance in Tilwada taal, showcasing the depth and richness of slow-tempo classical singing. This was followed by a short Khyal "Kahe Maan Karo Sakhiri Ab",

an Ektal Khyal in Raga Hamir, and a soulful bhajan, culminating with a serene presentation of Raga Bhairavi.

The performance was beautifully complemented by Atharva Ware and Sanskar Janorkar on the tabla, while Ritika Gaikwad and Bhargava provided soothing tanpura accompaniment.

The introduction was given by Pranjali Nile, sound recording handled by Prajyot Adhav, and video recording by Piyush Bhanose. The concert drew several distinguished listeners who appreciated the young artists' dedication and artistry.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Omkar Vairagkar, bringing an inspiring evening of classical melodies to a close.

Maths Genius 2025

Bhonsala Military School girls excel



Prisha Aarushi Jiyakumari Samiksha

NASHIK: The girls of Central Hindu Military Education Society's Bhonsala Military School Girls, Nashik, have brought laurels to the institution by achieving remarkable success at the National-level 'Maths Genius 2025' Competition organized by I Am Samarth Foundation.

Demonstrating exceptional analytical ability, logical reasoning, and problem-solving skills, the Bhonsala Military School Girls stood out among 10099 participants from

16 States and 45 Districts of various reputed schools across the country.

The young achievers showcased their mathematical brilliance and discipline, securing top positions at the National Level. Merely 0.34% of participants reached the final C3 level, shedding light on educational challenge addressed by the NEP 2020.

The Central Hindu Military Education Society's Management congratulated the students for their outstanding performance.

Ranks

➤ *Rd. Junawane Prisha Sandeep (Class 6th) - All India Rank 1. Prize money of Cheque Rs 1,00,001.*

➤ *Rd. Pangarkar Aarushi Pradyumna (Class 9th A) - All India Rank 2. Prize money of Cheque Rs 75,001.*

➤ *Rd. Mali Samiksha Dilip (Class 9th B) - All India Rank 3. Prize money of Cheque Rs 51,001.*

➤ *Rd. Singh Jiya-kumari Vikas (Class 7th B) - All India Rank 3. Prize money of Cheque Rs 51,001.*

Comic book writing activity at St. Lawrence School

NASHIK: As part of the celebrations for Reading Day, a special Comic Book Writing Activity was conducted at St. Lawrence High school and Junior College for the students of Grade 5. The event aimed to encourage creativity, storytelling, and the joy of reading and writing among young learners in a fun and engaging way.

The session began with a brief introduction to comic book writing. Teachers explained the basics of creating a comic, including develop-

ing characters, setting up a storyline, using speech bubbles, and illustrating emotions through artwork.

Students were then encouraged to write and illustrate their own comic books on themes such as reading, imagination, friendship, adventure, or everyday life.

The creativity and enthusiasm displayed by the students were remarkable. From superheroes saving a library to talking books going on adventures, the stories were both imaginative and thoughtful.



C K Nayudu Trophy

Maharashtra faces Saurashtra today



NASHIK: Cricket fans are in for an exciting encounter as Maharashtra takes on Saurashtra in the C.K. Nayudu Trophy match beginning today, Thursday, October 16, at the Hutatma Anant Kanhere Ground, Golf Club, Nashik. The four-day elite group under-23 fixture, organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), will run from October 16 to 19. Both teams conducted intensive practice sessions on Wednesday morning in preparation for the much-awaited clash.

The match officials appointed by the BCCI include umpires Nikhil Patwardhan and Rajiv Godra, while S. Vanitha

Viola (Hyderabad) will serve as the match referee. Ketki Jamgaonkar and Kapil Khare are the official scorers, and Guruprasad Kudav will function as the video analyst. Vinod Yadav from Nashik is the strength and conditioning coach for the Maharashtra squad. The Nashik District Cricket Association has completed all arrangements, including the match pavilion setup, ensuring smooth conduct of this national-level tournament. Cricket enthusiasts are invited to witness the action live at the Hutatma Anant Kanhere Ground from 9:30 a.m. onwards, as two strong under-23 sides battle for supremacy.