

Glimpses of 'Deshdoot Gangapur Road-College Road Property Expo'



Shilpa Estate Director Jayesh Thakker paid a courtesy visit to the Expo and was welcomed by Assistant General Manager (Advt) Milind Vaidya.



Customer Harish Kale has booked a shop in Avdhoot Apartment at Dhruvanganar in the Gangapur area, a project developed by Rajendra Builders. He was congratulated on the occasion by the company's director, Rajendra Sonje.

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The title sponsor of the expo is Deepak Builders & Developers, while Thakkars Group Ltd (TGL) is the co-sponsor. The expo features a wide variety of options, including budget homes, luxury apartments, row houses, row bungalows and N.A. plots.

Prominent builders participating in the expo include Thakkars Group Ltd (TGL), Parksye Residences, Rohan Enterprises, Nisham Developers, Seva Realtors, Sathre Builders, Keystone Construction, Aakar Buildcon, Kotkar Brothers, Urban Sytes, Amit Lifespace LLP, AMR Developers, Anantara, Pooja Constructions, B-Orbit Group, CDIL-Farm Plots, Rajendra Builders, Mahakal Builders, Siddhi Builders & Developers, Rushiraj, Minka Riverdale, Nandan Builders, Shreeyog Builders & Land Developers, and Silpia Estates.

'Red storm' of farmers marches from Nashik to Mumbai

NASHIK: Thousands of farmers, agricultural labourers, and tribal people launched a foot march on Sunday from Nashik to Mumbai to press for a range of demands, including land rights, irrigation facilities, loan waivers, assured crop prices, and uninterrupted power supply.

The march, led by the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and the All India Kisan Sabha, saw protesters carrying red flags and raising slogans as they accused the government of failing to honour earlier assurances. They warned that they would gherao Mantralaya, the state secretariat in Mumbai, if their demands are not met. Prominent leaders participating in the agitation include CPI(M) Polit Bureau member and All India Kisan Sabha national president Ashok Dhawale and CITU national vice-president D.L. Karad.

Key demands of the protesters include implementation of the Forest

"long march" held earlier in Palghar district concluded after the administration accepted several demands.

Former MLA J.P. Gavit said the protesters were well-prepared with ration supplies and determined to reach Mumbai. "We will gherao Mantralaya and will not move until our demands are fulfilled," he said, adding that more farmers are expected to join the march along the way. More than 20,000 farmers and tribal participants, described by organisers as a "Red Storm," had arrived on the outskirts of Nashik on Saturday from various parts of the district. They spent the night at an open ground near the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences in Dindori Road before beginning the march. .

The march led to traffic disruptions in several parts of city, with vehicular movement affected for an extended period.

Rights Act, land rights under the PESA Act (Provisions of the Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas Act), execution of pending irrigation projects, minimum support price for soybean and maize, forest land titles, and loan waivers. Kisan Sabha national joint secretary Ajit Navale said a similar



Cycle rally promotes voter awareness

NASHIK: Cyclists in Nashik spread the message of 'My India – My Vote' and 'Voting is a National Duty' during an early-morning cycle rally held at 6.30 am on Sunday to mark National Voters' Day.

The rally was part of the state-level programme for the 16th National Voters' Day, jointly organised by the Chief Electoral Officer, Maharashtra, and the District Election Officer, Nashik. State Chief Electoral Officer S. Chockalingam and District Collector Ayush Prasad flagged off the rally and participated in it.

Several senior election officials were present,



including State Deputy Chief Electoral Officer Anil Sonar, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer Kiran Shardul, Deputy District Election Officer Madhumati Sardesai, Cell Officer Rajendra Deherkar, Assistant Suresh Yadav, and Cycling Association president Amit Ghuge, among others.

Addressing participants, Chockalingam said

Hit-and-run: Policeman booked for drunken driving

NASHIK: A late-night hit-and-run incident involving a police officer in uniform in Ashoknagar, Satpur, on Saturday has sparked outrage and raised serious questions about police discipline and accountability.

According to police sources, a police assistant sub-inspector, allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol, rammed his speeding car into pedestrians, a four-wheeler, and a two-wheeler near a bank in Ashoknagar. After the incident, the officer attempted to flee the scene but was caught by local residents, who assaulted him before handing him over to the Satpur police.

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collided with a car belonging to Vijay Nanavare (66), a resident of Shramiknagar, near Axis Bank. Instead of

escape, some citizens and miscreants chased the vehicle, intercepted it a short distance away, dragged the officer out, and assaulted him. His presence in police uniform intensified public anger.

Following the incident, a police team led by senior police inspector Prakash Ahire reached the spot. All injured persons, including Musale, are undergoing treatment. Based on a complaint lodged by Nanavare, a case has been registered against Musale for drunken driving and causing the accident. Police have stated that legal action will also be initiated against those who assaulted the officer for taking the law into their

own hands. During a search of the vehicle, sealed liquor bottles and glasses were found in the car, adding to the gravity of the case. Authorities have indicated that strict action is expected from senior officials, as the incident has once again put the spotlight on police conduct and responsibility.

Video footage seized; action against assailants too

Satpur police said video clips related to the assault have been seized, and separate action will be taken against individuals who attacked the accused officer.

Is patriotism only the soldier's responsibility?

As Indian citizens, this song stirs within us a deep sense of duty and responsibility. If we genuinely wish to keep alive the memory of the sacrifices our soldiers make—every day, every moment—then patriotism must first awaken within our own hearts. Every action of a citizen should arise from love for the nation, or at the very least, be guided by an awareness of national interest.



Vijayalakshmi Manerikar, Director, Global Vision School

But how do we instill such responsibility? How do we nurture it? While speaking of self-reliance, do we as Indians truly introspect?

The role of school education

School life is the most formative phase of an individual's journey. Alongside intellectual, mental, and physical development, social and cultural growth also takes shape during these years. Concepts such as duty, self-respect, self-development, freedom, and the delicate boundary between freedom and indiscipline are introduced early. Discipline and character are patiently nurtured.

Through songs like:

"This is our school, this is

my school, Here we nurture discipline, values, and character," students gradually evolve into conscientious citizens.

Why sing old poems of liberation?

Yet, at the same time, children are exposed—through newspapers and television—to the daily venom spewed by so-called social representatives driven by selfish interests. They see it, hear it, read it—and they hesitate. Confusion sets in. Disillusionment follows. What they learn in school appears outdated, while reality seems starkly different.

Truth, however, is singular and eternal. Believing this, some choose silence; others immerse themselves in the chaos of the

present; still others retreat into escapism. They reason that India today is free, not enslaved. Then why sing old poems of liberation?

Burning its own home, it burns yours and mine alike.

Why I write this today

The reason for writing today is the 77th Republic Day today.

The theme of Republic Day 2026—"Vande Mataram" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India)"—centers on patriotism and self-reliance.

Each year, Republic Day is marked by a grand parade at Kartavya Path near India Gate in New Delhi. Millions watch as the parade showcases India's sovereignty, democratic values, and progress, along with the disciplined strength of the Indian Armed Forces and the vibrant cultural tableaux of various states.

In 1996, I was selected from Maharashtra to represent the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and had the honor of marching in the Republic Day parade on Rajpath in Delhi.

Thirty years later, my niece, Ishwari Omkar Vairagkar, has been selected from the Maharashtra Girls Battalion to march in the NCC platoon at the Republic Day Parade. This is a moment of immense pride and a truly unforgettable experience.

Let us awaken patriotism!

Jewellery worth Rs. 16 lakh stolen

NASHIK: A daring burglary has been reported from the Mico Circle area in the heart of the city, where thieves targeted the locked house of a businessman who had gone to Pune. Exploiting the family's absence, unknown miscreants broke into the house and decamped with gold and silver jewellery worth Rs. 16 lakh, triggering concern among local residents.

The burglary took place at the residence of Surekha Santosh Nahar, located in Komal Residency on Sadhu

Vaswani Road. The Nahar family had been away in Pune, and the theft is believed to have occurred between January 15 and January 23. The burglars gained entry by breaking the iron grill of the kitchen window at the rear of the house.

After entering the premises, the thieves ransacked cupboards and drawers in the bedroom and stole gold and silver jewellery, including a mangalsutra, necklace, bangles, rings, earrings, and chain, along with silver ornaments, a laptop and cash.

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