

NMC to conduct monthly health fortnight to curb dengue, malaria

NASHIK: The Health Department of the Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) has decided to conduct a 'Health Fortnight' every month as part of its ongoing efforts to prevent dengue, malaria and other vector-borne and epidemic diseases. During the fortnight, health teams will visit households across the city to check citizens' health, inspect water storage facilities and identify potential mosquito breeding sites.

Officials will take immediate preventive action wherever mosquito larvae or breeding grounds are detected. The campaign is aimed at identifying vulnerable areas at an early stage and ensuring regular monitoring of disease hot-spots.



During the Health Fortnight conducted from August 10 to 25, around 300 teams inspected nearly 1.70 lakh houses and covered approximately 6.50 lakh citizens. The teams

identified 1,427 people suffering from fever and took action at locations where mosquito breeding was found.

Between January and August, Nashik reported

96 dengue cases, of which 40 were recorded in August alone, indicating the need for continued surveillance and preventive measures. NMC Commissioner Manisha Khatri said the regular identification of mosquito hotspots and implementation of preventive measures are helping bring the situation under control. Regular removal of aquatic weeds

As part of mosquito-control measures, the NMC will regularly remove aquatic weeds from stagnant water bodies, introduce Guppy fish, spray insecticides and conduct inspections at vulnerable locations. These measures will be undertaken continuously to prevent mosquito breeding and reduce the risk of dengue and malaria.

NMC launches online portal for sports scholarships

NASHIK: The Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) has simplified the process of providing sports scholarships and financial assistance to athletes who have brought recognition to the city at the state, national and international levels. With the launch of a dedicated online portal by the NMC Sports Department, eligible athletes will no longer have to make repeated visits to the municipal office and can now apply from home.

The schemes are available to eligible athletes within the NMC limits under international, national and state-level sports scholarship and financial assistance programmes, as per Maharashtra government guidelines and NMC policy decisions.

The new digital system aims to make the process transparent, efficient and time-bound.

Complete process online

Athletes can register, submit applications, upload required documents, check their eligibility and track application status online. If any discrepancy is found or additional documents are required, applicants will receive notifications through the portal.

Applications till Sept 30

Eligible athletes can apply online from August 31 to September 30, 2026, up to 3 pm. Applications must include personal details, sport played, competition information, achievements, relevant sports certificates and other required documents.



The 10-day Shri Krishna Janmotsav is currently underway at the ancient Shri Muralidhar Temple in Kapad Bazaar, Old Nashik. Lord Muralidhar is being adorned in various forms each day, attracting devotees from across Nashik. On Tuesday, the deity was presented in the Radhakrishna form.

MUHS Student Council election held



NASHIK: The Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) student council election was conducted in a cordial atmosphere. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Venkat Gite, Returning Officer and Registrar Dr. Rajendra Bangal, and Student Welfare Director Dr. Devendra Patil congratulated the newly elected representatives.

Under the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences Act, 1998, three students were elected to the University Senate: Aditya Jaybhav (Dr. Hedgewar Smruti Seva Man-

dal's Dental College, Hingoli), Laxmikant Mokashe (Gulabrai Patil Homoeopathy Medical College, Miraj) and Shubhan- kar Mangate (Dr. Shankarrao Chavan Government Medical College, Nanded).

Rohit Mali (K.D. Gavit College of Physiotherapy, Nandurbar) was elected unopposed as president. Yashraj Kakad (M.A.R.R.E. College of Physiotherapy, Pune) and Mithilesh Mahore (Gov- ernment Ayurveda College, Nagpur) became vice-presi- dents. Dnyaneshwar Andhale (R.J.S. Homoeopathy Medical

College, Nashik) was elected unopposed as secretary, while Keshav Patil (S.N.D. College of Nursing, Yeola) and Devan- shi PBhurane (S.D. Kalmegh Dental College, Nagpur) were elected joint secretaries.

Dr. Gite urged representa- tives to bring students' aca- demic concerns to the univer- sity and assured action on research, welfare schemes, scholarships, sports and cul- tural activities. He also called for student participation in health-awareness initiatives and stressed their role in strengthening coordination

between students and the ad- ministration.

The election was followed by immediate vote count- ing and declaration of results by Dr. Bangal. Deputy Reg- istrar Mahendra Kothavade explained the process. The proceedings were attended by Special Officer (Counting Expert) Phulchand Agrawal, Legal Officer Adv. Sandeep Kulkarni, Prakash Patil and Assistant Registrar Milind Deshmukh, among others. The university community congratulated the newly elect- ed members.

Students from Classes IIIRD

to VIth participated enthusiasti- cally and prepared eco-friendly bamboo rakhis with their own hands. The initiative aims to pro- vide employment and financial support to tribal artisan families from Lawada village in Melghat, while promoting their traditional handmade bamboo products.

Through this activity, stu- dents received a meaningful message of creativity, environ- mental conservation and social

responsibility. The concept of "Make your own Rakhi and sup- port the livelihood of tribal arti- sans" received an overwhelming response from the students. The workshop was conducted under the guidance of art teachers Pri- tam Chavan, Satish Athawale and Kalyani Rahane. Principal Nitesh Nair has consistently encouraged such creative, eco- friendly and socially responsible initiatives at the school.



MHADA land scam

Second hearing today

NASHIK: The second hearing in the MHADA land fraud scam will be held at the Nashik district court today (September 2). The hearing is expected to focus on the charges and further legal proceedings in the case, with lawyers representing the accused likely to participate. The first hearing was conducted last month; however, none of the accused's lawyers had sought copies of the chargesheet at that time.

The chargesheet submitted by the Nashik city Police Commissionerate's Special Investigation Team (SIT) reportedly contains substantial evidence against 34 main accused, along with other individuals connected to the case. The SIT has been investigating the alleged scam since March.

According to the investigation, sus- pected government officials allegedly used their official offices to prepare fake land maps, forged signatures and counterfeit official stamps as part of the alleged fraud. The case came into focus after the issue was raised in the state legislature.

Additional chargesheets in phases

The chargesheet filed before the court names prominent builders, former corporators and political leaders from Nashik, indicating that the scope of the alleged scam could widen further. Police are expected to submit supplementary chargesheets in phases based on the evidence gathered during the investigation. Accused who have already secured anticipatory bail could also face further legal difficulties if additional evidence emerges against them.

Several accused out on bail

Several key suspects have been arrested in the case, including developer Dinesh Kanhaiyalal alias Sonu Manwani, businessman Deepak Bhagwandas Karamchandani, Deputy Tehsildar Nitin Patil, Deputy Superintendent of Land Records Bipin Kajale, Assistant Director of Town Planning Kalpesh Patil, Surveyor Shrikant Pardeshi, Circle Officer Dilip Vaman and Shyam Borse. After being placed in judicial custody at Nashik Road Central Jail, all these accused are currently out on bail.

PAC action

Prison industries superintendent suspended

NASHIK: The suspension of Prashant Matte, Superintendent of Prison Industries, has created a stir in the prison administration after the Maharashtra Legislature's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) took se- rious note of alleged irregularities in the selection of a Satpur-based private company for a project at Nashik Road Central Jail.

During a PAC hearing on Aug- ust 18, 2026, the Additional Chief Secretary (Appeals and Security), Home Department, appeared before the committee in connection with

the CAG report on the administra- tion of prisons and correctional institutions in Maharashtra. Infor- mation presented to the committee stated that M/s Bharat Milling of Satpur had been selected for a project at Nashik Road Central Jail and that government approval had been obtained.

However, it was subsequently found that no Government Resolu- tion (GR) or official order approv- ing the selection had been issued. The committee also learnt that mis- leading information had been pro-

vided regarding a separate project at Nagpur Central Jail, where it was claimed that a tender process had been conducted for a Thane-based company, although no such tender had actually taken place.

Daily attendance mandatory

: The PAC termed the submission of false or misleading information before a legislative committee an inexcusable offence and directed the Home Department to suspend Matte. Acting on the committee's directions, the department issued his suspension order. During the

suspension, his headquarters will be the office of the Additional Director General of Police (Prisons), Pune, where he must personally mark his attendance every day in the design- ated register.

Inquiry likely: Various indus- trial activities are undertaken at Nashik Road Central Jail to provide rehabilitation and employment op- portunities to inmates. The selection of the Satpur-based company has now come under scrutiny over al- legations that established procedures were bypassed.

Theft occurred at Vitthal temple

NASHIK: Thieves broke open the donation box at the Vitthal temple in Deepalinagar near Mumbai Naka and fled with the cash inside, caus- ing concern among lo- cal residents. With thefts

and nuisance increas- ing in the area, residents have demanded regular police patrolling by the Indiranagar and Mumbai Naka police.

This is not the first theft-related incident at

the temple. A few months ago, a brass trident (Tri- shul) was stolen from the nearby Mahadev temple. Earlier, attempts had also been made to steal a brass bell and break open the temple door.

MHT-CET exam

Extra time sought for hearing-impaired students

NASHIK: Corporator Pravin Jadhav has urged School Education Minister Dadaji Bhuse to grant hear- ing-impaired students 20 minutes of additional time per hour in the MHT-CET examination from 2027. He submitted a memorandum seeking a positive decision to ensure equal opportuni- ties in higher education.

Jadhav said hearing-impaired students face dif- ficulties in understanding language, questions, instruc- tions and answer options during the computer-based

examination. The strict time limit may affect their perfor- mance despite having the required academic ability. He pointed out that students with disabilities are provid- ed additional time in Class 10 and 12 board examina- tions based on their disabil- ity and demanded a similar provision in MHT-CET. He also suggested that impor- tant examination instruc- tions be provided in written or visual form to ensure that students do not miss crucial information due to hearing impairment.

Students given medical aid on Mangala Express

NASHIK: Around 80 students and 10 teach- ers travelling in S-2 and S-3 coaches of Train No. 12618 Mangala Express on a school trip reported loose motion, vomiting and stomach discomfort last week.

Railway medical staff at Khandwa promptly examined around 30-40 students and provided medicines, ORS and medical advice. As teach- ers chose to continue the journey, arrangements were made for further monitoring.

At Bhusawal, the stu- dents were reassessed and found stable. The

division deputed three doctors, six medical staff and RPF personnel to ac- company the train up to Igatpuri. Students were continuously monitored and provided medicines, ORS and drinking wa- ter. Morning assessment showed improvement, with no deterioration re- ported.

Medical, Commer- cial and RPF teams coordinated closely, while the DRM, Bhu- sawal division, moni- tored the situation continuously. Students and teachers appreciat- ed the prompt medical assistance and care.

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