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Essentials distributed to the destitute and orphans by an NGO to mark Pitru-paksha

By Indrani Basu

Kharghar: In observance of the ongoing Pitru-paksha festival, the Cause Travellers Social Welfare Organisation brought smiles to destitute individuals and orphans in Kharghar and Taloja on September 8. The NGO donated food,

fruits, and essential items as a tribute to their ancestors.

Volunteers Sanjeev Doshi, Rajesh Rathod, Neelam Singh, Amit Kapoor, and Rakesh Sumra visited several care homes and hospitals, Girija Old Age Home, Girija Orphanage, Asralya

Orphanage, Jyoti Care Home (Taloja), and Satya Sai Hospital (Kharghar). They distributed 350 apples across ten boxes along with essential stationery to encourage learning and creativity among children.

"The spirit of Pitru-paksha teaches us to honour our ancestors through compassion and service," said Bhal Shekhar Chilana, the President of Cause Travellers. The NGO is committed to supporting vulnerable communities through voluntary outreach, regularly partnering with care centres to provide essentials and educational support.

CR to run weekly special train on the Konkan route

By Ashok Dhamija

Central Railway (CR) in coordination with Konkarn Railway (KR) and Southern Railway (SR), have decided to run 22coaches special weekly trains on special charges to clear the extra rush of passengers during the upcoming Pooja / Diwali festivals. The same will run between Lokmanya Tilak Terminus (LTT), Mumbai and Thiruvananthapuram North / Sawantwadi Road, including halts at Thane and Panvel stations too.

The train no. 01463 will leave LTT, Mumbai at 4pm on every Thursday between September 25 to November 27 and will reach Thiruvananthapuram North at 10:45 pm. On its return journey, the train no. 01464 will leave Thiruvananthapuram North at 4:20 pm on every Saturday from September 27 to November 29 and will reach LTT, Mumbai at 1:00 am on the third day.

The train no. 01179 will leave LTT, Mumbai at 08:20 am on every Friday from October 17 to November 07 and will reach Sawantwadi Road at 9:00 pm on the same day. On its return journey, the train no. 01180 will leave Sawantwadi Road at 10:20 pm on every Friday October 17 to November 07 and will reach LTT, Mumbai at 10:40 am on the next day.

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Family quarrel turns tragic: Sanpada constable ends life

Ulwe: A 35-year-old constable attached to Sanpada Police Station allegedly committed suicide at his residence in Ulwe during the early hours of Thursday, following a heated argument with his wife over the phone.

The deceased has been identified as Swapnil Ashok Lohar (35), a resident of Eknath Sadan building in Ulwe Sector-24. He lived there with his wife and child. According to police, a domestic dispute between the couple had taken place two days earlier, after which Lohar's wife had left for Aurangabad along with their child.

On Thursday, around 2 am, Lohar reportedly had another argument with his wife over a phone call. During the call, he allegedly threatened to end his life and even showed his actions on a video call. Alarmed, his wife immediately informed neighbours, who rushed to his residence and knocked on the door. However, there was no response from inside.

She then alerted Ulwe Police, who arrived at the scene and forcibly entered the flat. Lohar was found hanging in the bedroom. He was rushed to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. Ulwe Police have registered a case of accidental death, and further investigations are underway.

Known for his diverse skill set, Lohar is a skilled boxer and a gifted singer; he has earned recognition among colleagues for his vibrant personality. During last year's "Jalosh Varditlyacha Dardinchya" cultural program organized by Navi Mumbai Police Commissionerate on the occasion of Diwali, Lohar's singing performance won over the audience. His sudden and untimely demise has left the police fraternity deeply shocked and grieving.



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The arrested have been identified as office assistant Rahul Rangarao Kamble (50), co-operative officer Dhanaji Dattatray Kalukhe (52), Peon Mahesh Gangaram Kamothkar, and a private individual Kishor Shankarrao More from Kalwa, Thane.



According to officials, the case pertains to a housing society in Sector-9, Vashi. The secretary of the society lodged a complaint with the ACB, alleging that CIDCO officials demanded a bribe of

Rs 5 lakh to issue a favourable order in a matter involving a society committee-related dispute. After negotiations, the amount was settled at Rs 3.5 lakh.

Following the com-

plaint, ACB conducted verification checks between August 12 and 22, during which the demand for a bribe was confirmed. Accordingly, a trap was set at the Vashi Sub-Registrar's office. During the operation, the accused officers, Kamble and Kalukhe, directed that the bribe amount be handed over to peon Mahesh Kamothkar.

As soon as the complainant gave the money to Kamothkar, the ACB team swooped in and caught him red-handed. Subsequently, Kamble, Kalukhe, and More were also arrested. All four have been booked at the APMC police station under sections 7, 7(A), and 12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act. Further investigations are underway, confirmed DySP Dharmaraj Sonke, who led the operation.

Around a fortnight before, the Navi Mumbai ACB caught two persons—a woman employee and a contractual worker—accepting a bribe of Rs 30,000 at CIDCO's Nerul office. Earlier in June, the Thane ACB unit had also arrested the president of the CIDCO Employees' Union for accepting Rs 1.5 lakh bribe from a retired staffer. With these successive operations, a total of six individuals linked to CIDCO have been trapped for bribery in less than four months, once again exposing rampant corruption in the organization.

MBWV crime branch foils dacoity, arrests 11 with arms

By Najmul Hasan Rizvi

Vasai: In a dramatic late-night operation, the Mira-Bhayandar Vasai-Virar Police (MBWV) Commissionerate Crime Branch (Unit II), Vasai, along with teams from Manickpur, Waliv, and Achole police stations, busted a gang of 11 hardened criminals who had assembled with deadly weapons to stage a dacoity at a bungalow in the Ram-Rahim Nagar area of Vasai East.

Acting on a tip-off from a police informer, officers swooped down near the Testoria Chinese centre at Evershine city around 10 pm on Monday. The suspects, armed with a country-made pistol, live cartridges, choppers, knives, and even chilli powder, were caught red-handed while allegedly plotting the heist.

The arrested men, have prior criminal records, and are identified as Kumar Vilas Sable (29), Imranuddin Imran Chaudhary (24), Kartik Singh (24), Gurpreet Singh alias Bachya (30),

hav (19).

From their possession, officers seized weapons and materials worth Rs 1.77 lakh, including the pistol with four live rounds, a pistol-shaped light-

men are not first-timers — they are seasoned offenders with a criminal past. If not intercepted in time, they could have unleashed violence in the heart of Vasai. This operation has prevented a major crime."

He further added, "The recovery of a country-made firearm and other deadly weapons highlights how organized gangs continue to pose a serious threat. We are determined to crush such networks before they strike."

All 11 accused have been booked under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, Arms Act, and Maharashtra Police

Act. Police officials confirmed they are digging into the gang's past involvements across Thane, Mumbai, and Palghar districts.



Kailas Chikhle (51), Vishnu Khardat (21), Sachin Bhalerao (26), Vikram Harijan (22), Ramzan Qureshi (24), Ganesh Bhasale (30), and Ganesh Jad-

er, plastic rope, hammers, cutters, railway tickets, cash, and mobile phones.

Aviraj Kurande, Police Inspector, Crime Branch (unit II) said, "These



Five-foot python was found in a shoe rack in Kharghar

Kharghar: Residents of Tulsi Aangan Building, Sector 3, experienced a late-night scare on September 10, when a five-foot-long python was discovered coiled inside a shoe rack on the first floor. The sighting around 10:30 p.m. triggered alarm among residents, who quickly alerted local snake rescuer Rohit Shinde.

Responding swiftly to the distress call from a friend, Shinde reached the spot and located the python nestled in the rack outside a residence. With skill and care, he managed to safely capture the snake, ensuring that no harm came to either the reptile or the residents.

By the time Shinde finished the rescue, personnel from the fire brigade had arrived at the scene. He then handed over the python to their care for safe relocation, allowing residents to breathe a sigh of relief.

According to Shinde, such nocturnal visits by snakes in urban spaces are not uncommon, especially in areas close to green patches. He emphasised the importance of public awareness and quick communication to enable safe rescues.

The incident ended without injury, thanks to the prompt action of the local snake friend and the support of the fire brigade.

BSP flags discrimination against scheduled tribe employees in KDMC

Kalyan: The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) has raised serious concerns over the alleged injustice faced by Scheduled Tribe (ST) officials and employees in the Kalyan-Dombivli Municipal Corporation (KDMC). Former BSP state secretary Sudam Gangawane submitted a statement on the issue during the visit to Scheduled Tribes Committee President and MLA Daulat Daroda to the KDMC headquarters.

Gangawane pointed out that earlier, teachers in KDMC's education department were entitled to promotional reservations for principal posts. However, after this benefit was withdrawn, they were considered for promotions

based solely on seniority. In 2021, some teachers were promoted as principals through this process. Since then,

receive regular promotions, including several earlier this year.

He further alleged that some officers

SC and ST employees are being subjected to systematic discrimination and mental stress by KDMC's General



for nearly four years, the promotion of tribal teachers has allegedly been stalled deliberately. Meanwhile, employees in other departments of KDMC continue to

have remained in the same departments for years without transfers and are even engaged in financial dealings through relatives. According to Gangawane,

Administration Department. The BSP has now submitted a written memorandum to the Scheduled Tribes Commission demanding corrective action.

Activists slam reckless tree cutting, NMMC launches inquiry

Vashi: Protests have intensified in Vashi Sector-1 after repeated chopping of an almond tree, allegedly to clear the view for an advertisement hoarding. Responding to complaints, the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) has launched an inquiry. Ward officer Sukhdev Yedve visited the site on the Vashi-Kopar Khairane Road, photographed the tree, and said this appeared to be a repeat of an earlier case. He assured that past records and notices would be reviewed, with further action to follow.

Environmental activists, including NatConnect director B.N. Kumar, Ajarjit Chauhan, and Madhu Shankar, have raised strong objections. Kumar noted that branches are chopped as soon as they regrow, causing loss of bird nests. He also highlighted Navi Mumbai's poor tree cover ratio—just one



tree per person compared to the global standard of seven to eight. Chauhan termed it "tragic" to lose mature, fruit-bearing trees to vested interests, while Shankar urged citizens to remain vigilant against such acts.

12-year-old boy critically injured by RMC plant truck in Kashmirira

By Najmul Hasan Rizvi

Mira-Bhayandar: Tension gripped Kashmirira's Neelkamal Naka on Wednesday after a 12-year-old student was critically injured when a truck belonging to a Ready-Mix Concrete (RMC) plant hit him. The boy has been admitted to the hospital and is reported to be in a very critical condition.

Despite a ban on RMC plant vehicles within city limits, locals allege that several plants continue to operate illegally, endangering residents. Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) workers and local citizens gathered at the accident spot, demanding justice for the victim and strict action against

the plant operators.

MNS city chief Sandeep Rane expressed anger over the negligence: "Even though the MBMC Commissioner Radhabinod Sharma and Minister Pratap Sarnaik had ordered the closure of RMC plants, their vehicles continue to ply. The road here is very narrow, and these heavy trucks run throughout the day. Students from nearby slums use this stretch every morning and evening. Today it is this boy—tomor-

row, another child may fall victim." Residents have called on authorities to enforce the ban immediately and ensure that the victim's family receives justice.





PMC proposes a daily market space for all four wards

Panvel: The Panvel Municipal Corporation (PMC) has put forward a proposal to build permanent daily markets across several wards, replacing the existing temporary structures that have been operating for years.

The CIDCO has allotted plots in ward committees A (Kharghar), B (Kalamboli), C (Kamothe), and D (Panvel) for this purpose. As per the directives of Commissioner and Administrator Mangesh Chitale, the initiative aims to provide citizens with modern, spacious, and

convenient market facilities.

In Kharghar (Ward A), a total of 15 markets will be constructed in Sectors 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 15, and 20, each with a designated number of stalls. These projects have already received administrative and financial approval, and work is set to begin soon.

In Kalamboli (Ward B), daily markets will be developed at 16 sites, including Sectors 2, 2E, 5E, 6, 10, 12, 14, and 15. Similarly, in Kamothe (Ward C), markets will be set up at five locations, with

specific plans such as 38 stalls in Sector 17, 14 stalls in Sector 21, 46 stalls in Sector 18, and 14 stalls in Sector 10.

Meanwhile, Panvel (Ward D) will see the construction of daily markets across 10 locations, including Sectors 6, 1SE, 2E, 3E, 4E, 7W, 8W, 10W, 5A, and 5.

All proposed markets have secured budgetary approval, and construction will commence shortly. Once completed, these organized and well-equipped markets will enhance convenience for residents and boost local trade.

PMC rath collects 43 tonnes of Nirmalya

By Indrani Basu

Panvel: The Panvel Municipal Corporation (PMC) collected 43 tonnes of Nirmalya during the ten-day Ganeshotsav this year, thanks to citizen awareness about dry and wet waste segregation. Special Nirmalya Sankalan Rath (collection chariots) visited Ganesh mandals daily, ensuring smooth collection and disposal.

“We did not worry about disposal at all; Nirmalya was collected every day,” said a member of Panvel Cha Raja Mandal. At Shri Shiv Samarth Lake in Kharghar and other immersion sites, Nirmalya from both domestic and public celebrations was gathered systematically. The collected material will now be repurposed into eco-friendly products like manure and compost, officials confirmed.

Under Municipal Commissioner Mangesh Chitale’s guidance, citizens ac-

tively supported the “Utsav Ganaraya Jagar Paryacha” campaign, embracing an eco-friendly Ganeshotsav. About 490 households participated in the eco-friendly decoration competition, along with 104 public mandals and nearly 50 housing societies under PMC’s

fully across Kalamboli, Kamothe, Panvel, and Kharghar wards. PMC had set up 134 immersion points, including 58 natural sites and 76 artificial lakes, with extensive facilities like security guards, CCTV monitoring, cranes, hydras, lighting, loudspeakers, and safety



Mission 50. The civic body also conducted 50 seminars and over 100 competitions, including painting, rangoli, and essay writing, across societies to spread awareness.

The immersion process was equally well-planned. On Saturday, over 6,639 Ganesh idols were immersed peace-

equipment.

Nearly 5,000 citizens also pledged to protect the environment under the Mazi Vasundhara Abhiyan. With strong citizen participation and systematic planning, PMC’s eco-friendly Ganeshotsav initiative emerged as a successful model this year.

Dahisar toll naka to be relocated before Diwali

By Najmul Hasan Rizvi

Mira-Bhayandar: In a major relief to the daily road commuters between Mira-Bhayandar and Mumbai, the Maharashtra government has finalized the relocation of the Dahisar toll naka following long-standing public demand. Transport Minister Pratap Sarnaik on September 11 inspected the existing Dahisar toll naka and the proposed new site near the Versova bridge nursery.

The decision to shift the toll naka was approved during a recent meeting chaired by Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, and officials have assured that the relocation process will be completed before Diwali.

Speaking after the inspection, Minister Sarnaik said, “The Dahisar toll naka has been causing severe traffic congestion every day. Over 15 lakh local residents were facing



hardships due to fuel wastage, delays in travel, and rising pollution. To address these concerns, we have decided to shift the toll naka to the nursery area near Versova bridge.”

He further added that the move will greatly ease daily commutes and offer significant relief to citizens. “This decision will not only streamline traffic but will also serve as a Diwali gift from Shiv Sena to Mira-Bhayandar residents, ensuring smoother and toll-free travel for the local population,” Sarnaik said.

The inspection was attended by NHAI Managing Director Suhas Chitnis, MBMC Commissioner Radhabinod Sharma, MBVV Police Commissioner Niket Kaushik, Deputy Commissioner of Traffic Police Ashok Veerkar, senior officials of the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation, NHAI representatives, and local public representatives.

Kalyan students revive Roald Dahl's novel in the cultural program

Kalyan: St. Mary's High School, Kalyan East, hosted its grand annual day function at Acharya Atre Rang Mandir. A whirlwind journey of wit, wonder and willpower, it brought to life the enchanting world of Matilda, the beloved character from Roald Dahl's classic novel.

The evening began with a welcome by Principal Purna Singh, followed by a series of captivating performances based on Matilda's intelligence, resilience and imagination. The students enthralled the audience with dramatic skits, musical performances and dance sequences



that paid tribute to Matilda's journey and her love for books and education. The keynote speaker was Ashwini Mukadam, a renowned actress and

Bharatanatyam dancer. She praised the students' confidence and originality, saying that their performances were not only entertaining and inspiring but

also beautifully embodied the essence of Matilda.

The grandeur of the event was further enhanced by the presence of former Sports Authority of India (SAI) Kabaddi coach Simrat Gaikwad, who was appointed by SAI to coach the Tanzanian national Kabaddi team. This is a testament to their exceptional skill and dedication to the game. He praised the school's commitment to encouraging creativity and critical thinking and expressed

his delight at seeing a school embracing a theme that encourages children to be bold, curious and compassionate.



Meditation centre and library for Kalyan citizens

Kalyan: A peaceful and healthy initiative for the citizens of the city was launched by the Innerwheel Club of Kalyan at City Park in Kalyan on September 9. A meditation centre and library have been inaugurated at City Park, and this space will be available to the general public in the morning and evening.

The aim of this centre is to provide citizens with opportunities for meditation to relieve daily stress and to increase knowledge through reading. Here, citizens can take meditation sessions at their convenience, and books on various subjects are available

for reading in the library.

Dr. Archana Somani, the last president of Innerwheel Club of Kalyan, had a passion for public service activities including beautification in the Kalyan area. During her tenure, the construction of this meditation centre was started. During the inauguration, Chief Guest Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation (KDMC) commissioner Abhinav Goyal said, "In today's fast-paced lifestyle, it is necessary to focus on mental health, and through this centre, citizens will get new positive energy."

SGNP and WWA, Thane rescue a spotted deer

By Indrani Basu

A spotted deer was rescued and saved yesterday by Wildlife Welfare Association Thane with SGNP (Sanjay Gandhi National Park) Rapid Rescue Team and the Forest Department. The team collectively acted upon and rescued yesterday, on September 10, a spotted deer (Chital) from Aurum IT Exam Center, Powai. Though the deer was wandering near the Mithi River on the previous day as well, but could not be rescued by the team.

The next morning, the team WWA received a call from the Powai police station informing them about the deer sighting near Powai. The team, along with the SGNP rapid rescue team and the forest department, rushed to the spot and found the deer in an abandoned plot overgrown with tall vegetation adjacent to a construction site.

Given the risk of the animal injuring itself, it was necessary to conduct the rescue immediately. With the expertise of Dr. Jangle, the head veterinarian of SGNP, and through the strategic planning and seamless coordination of all the teams, the deer was tranquilized safely and rescued without delay. The animal was identified as an adult spotted deer (chital).

Once declared fit, the deer was released back into the forest. "A call like this is a reminder of the critical role each of us plays in safeguarding our urban wildlife. Citizens must understand their role and the importance of swift, collective action to ensure the safety and well-being of the wildlife," said the officer from the Forest Department.

Mobile forensic van joins MBVV police fleet

By Najmul Hasan Rizvi

Mira Road: The Mira-Bhayandar, Vasai-Virar (MBVV) Police Commissionerate has recently added a mobile forensic van to its fleet, marking a significant step in strengthening on-site crime investigation. The development was confirmed by Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Doifode.

Until now, forensic teams had to be summoned from Mumbai, often causing delays in evidence collection and spot inspections. With this dedicated mobile van now available locally, the MBVV police expect crime investigations and spot panchamas to become faster and more efficient.



"It is equipped with DNA kits, scientific testing tools, packing material, and marking tapes required during investigations. This will save valuable time and improve the quality of evidence collection," added Doifode.



Bombay HC slams BMC for delayed salaries of sanitation workers, orders Rs 50,000 payment

Mumbai: After a prolonged legal battle, 580 Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) sanitation workers, who were reinstated two years ago, have not received their salaries for the past two months. The Bombay High Court, while disposing of a petition filed by the Waste Transport Workers' Union (KVSS), has directed

the BMC to pay these overdue salaries along with an additional Rs 50,000 to each worker.

Justice Milind Jadhav expressed serious concern over the delay, describing it as shocking given the workers' permanent employment status. The court allowed for future complaints if the BMC fails to

comply with its assurances.

The dispute dates back to a 1996 Supreme Court directive that ordered the BMC to grant permanent jobs and benefits to these workers. Despite this, the BMC delayed implementation, causing the union to seek legal recourse.

In 2023, the High Court upheld an industrial court's decision recognising the

workers as permanent and mandated salary payments within two months. The BMC's subsequent appeal to the Supreme Court was dismissed, which also imposed a four-month deadline for compliance.

Currently, while 217 workers have received service confirmation letters, none have been paid for two months.

Of the remaining 363 workers, many lack confirmation letters or salaries, with some having died or reached retirement without compensation.

The BMC has promised to clear dues for 570 workers and allow heirs of deceased workers to claim arrears. However, many remain untraceable despite efforts to contact them.



L&T to build bullet train track in Maharashtra, NHRCL announces progress

Mumbai: The National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHRCL) has awarded a contract to Larsen & Toubro (L&T) for the design, supply, and construction of the Bullet Train track in Maharashtra. The 157 km stretch, extending from the upcoming Mumbai Bullet Train Station to Zaroli village near the Maharashtra-Gujarat border, will include four stations and a rolling stock depot in Thane.

The project is part of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) corridor, with significant progress on the Gujarat section. Over 200 km of viaduct has been completed, and track construction contracts have been awarded to Indian firms. The project uses the Japanese Shinkansen-style ballast-less slab track system.

As of September 8, 2025, key progress includes:

- 320 km of viaduct construction
- 397 km of pier works
- 408 km of pier foundations
- 17 river bridges and 5 pre-stressed concrete bridges completed
- 4 lakh noise barriers installed along 203 km
- 202 km of track bed construction finished

Work on a 21 km tunnel between BKC and Shilphata in Maharashtra is ongoing, alongside excavation of 7 mountain tunnels in Palghar district. Training programmes for over 430 Indian engineers in high-speed rail technology, in collaboration with Japan Railway Technical Service, are underway in Gujarat and will soon begin in Maharashtra.

Shiv Sena (UBT) and MNS explore alliance ahead of civic polls



Mumbai: The possible reunion between Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray and Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) leader Raj Thackeray has sparked political speculation ahead of the upcoming civic elections, with Congress signalling openness to the alliance. On September 10, the two cousins held a marathon meeting at Raj's residence in Mumbai. This marks their fourth meeting in two months, fueling hopes of a political tie-up.

Their recent collaboration on the Marathi language issue and public rallies have shown positive signs of thawing relations after nearly 20 years of political rivalry.

Senior Congress leader Vijay Wadettiwar expressed that Congress would take a positive ap-

proach to the MNS joining the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance, saying, "We are considering the enemy's enemy as our friend."

He added that the party's stand will be decided after consultations with Mumbai and central leadership. Wadettiwar also acknowledged concerns within Congress about accommodating the MNS but stressed that the fight against the BJP is the priority.

Despite Uddhav Thackeray's Hindutva ideology, we came together against the BJP and ran the government successfully," he said. Negotiations over seat sharing and alliance terms are expected as both Shiv Sena (UBT) and MNS have overlapping voter bases.

State to recruit 180 for the forensic vans pilot project

Mumbai: The Maharashtra government has approved the recruitment of 180 contractual staff for its Mobile Forensic Vans pilot project. The sanctioned posts include 45 Assistant Chemical Analysts, 45 Scientific Assistants (specialising in comput-

er crime, sound, and audio analysis), 45 Vehicle Drivers, and 45 Laboratory Assistants.

The annual salary expenditure for these posts is estimated at Rs 12.72 crore. Currently, 21 Mobile Forensic Vans have been deployed in cities like Mumbai, Navi

Mumbai, Nagpur, and Jalgaon. Equipped with advanced forensic kits and cyber tools, these vans enable experts to collect evidence at crime scenes swiftly and accurately, focusing on crimes punishable with seven years or more imprisonment.

The government resolution states that recruitment will initially be contractual, with 20% of the workforce regularised yearly over five years. Total maintenance costs for the vans, including fuel, kits, staff, and software, are pegged at Rs 32.03 crore.

Delhi police arrests five terrorists linked with Pakistan-linked terror module

New Delhi: The Delhi Police's Special Cell has busted a terror module with links to Pakistan, arresting five suspects across multiple states, including Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Jharkhand, and Maharashtra. The group operated under the leadership of Ashraf Danish, who coordinated activities from India while maintaining contact with handlers in Pakistan through encrypted and social media platforms.

Investigations revealed that the suspects used these channels to

radicalise youth, recruit operatives, and spread communal hatred online, aiming to disturb religious harmony. The Special Cell conducted

ing materials used in the manufacture of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

From Danish's possession, authorities re-



raids across four to five states, questioning eight suspects and confiscat-

covered a country-made pistol, live ammunition, chemicals such as hy-

drochloric acid, nitric acid, sulfur powder, copper sheets, ball bearings, wires, electronic circuits, laptops, mobile phones, and cash. These items are believed to be intended for fabricating weapons and explosives.

Police have filed an FIR under sections related to promoting enmity, disturbing communal harmony, and possession of illegal weapons. Officials confirmed that prompt action thwarted a possible terror attack, with forensic analysis ongoing to trace funding, networks, and potential targets.

Bilateral ties in focus as Nepal and India seek to counteract regional isolation

Kathmandu/New Delhi: Nepal and India's leaders have highlighted the urgent need for enhanced engagement to prevent Nepal from becoming isolated amid shifting regional geopolitics. In a recent dialogue, officials emphasised strengthening bilateral ties to address growing challenges and promote stability.

Both countries agreed on the importance of deepening economic, cultural, and political cooperation, recognising that Nepal's strategic location and historical ties make

it a key partner for India. Concerns were raised about Nepal's increasing vulnerability to isolation, fueled by changing regional power dynamics and internal political unrest.

The leaders stressed that sustained dialogue and collaborative efforts are vital to ensuring Nepal's continued growth and regional integration. This focus on partnership aims to counteract external pressures and geopolitical manoeuvring that could marginalise Nepal. This call for engagement

ECI to conduct nationwide SIR of electoral rolls by year-end

New Delhi: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced plans to conduct a nationwide Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls by the end of 2025, aiming to update and verify voter lists ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections. This initiative will impact several states, including Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and the Union Territory of Puducherry.

The revision process, set to commence later this year, is designed to ensure that the electoral rolls are accurate and up-to-date before the upcoming elections. The Special Intensive

Revision (SIR) will focus on adding new eligible voters, removing deceased or duplicate entries, and making necessary corrections to improve the integrity of the voter list.

This crucial exercise will help ensure that every eligible citizen has the opportunity to cast their vote without facing hurdles. It also strengthens transparency within the election process.

The ECI has bolstered its digital infrastructure, providing voters with enhanced access to check their names, request corrections, and resolve grievances through online platforms and mobile applications.

MEA raises alarm over Indian nationals lured to join the Russian military amid the Ukraine conflict

New Delhi: India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has issued a strong advisory warning Indian nationals against joining the Russian military amid reports that several Indians have been forcibly enlisted to fight in Ukraine. This follows revelations that two Indian men, currently in the Donetsk region, were lured to Russia with promises of construction jobs but were then sent to the frontline.

MEA spokesperson

Randhir Jaiswal stated that the government has repeatedly cautioned Indian citizens over the past year about the serious risks involved in joining the Russian army. "We have seen reports about Indian nationals having been recruited recently into the Russian army," he said.

The MEA has formally raised the issue with Russian authorities in Delhi and Moscow, demanding an immediate halt to such recruitment practices

and seeking the release of Indian nationals. The ministry is also in contact with the families of those affected.

The recruits reportedly arrived in Russia within the last six months on student or visitor visas. At least 13 more Indians are believed to be in similar situations. Reiterating its warning, the MEA urged all Indian citizens to avoid any offers to join the Russian military, describing such decisions as "fraught with danger."



Gadkari defends E20 petrol rollout, calls backlash a "paid political campaign"

New Delhi: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has defended the rollout of E20 petrol, calling the backlash a "paid political campaign" against him that has been proven false. Speaking at the 65th Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) Annual Convention, Gadkari emphasised that the government's ethanol blending program is safe, effective, and crucial for reducing fossil fuel imports.

"All testing agencies have confirmed there is no problem with implementation," Gadkari said, highlighting that the Supreme Court recently dismissed petitions challenging the nationwide rollout of E20, which blends 20% ethanol with petrol. Gadkari urged the automobile industry to accelerate the introduction of biofuel-powered vehicles to reduce pollution and reiterated his call for

GST relief for consumers who scrap old vehicles to buy new ones.

He thanked automakers for complying with stricter emission norms and predicted that India's logistics costs would drop to 9% of GDP by the end of 2025. The E20 program aims to boost domestic ethanol production from crops like maize, benefiting farmers and cutting crude oil imports.

Critics argue that E20 may reduce mileage and harm older vehicles, but Gadkari dismissed such claims, noting that no verified damage cases have been reported and vehicle warranties remain valid. He urged consumers not to fall for misinformation, stressing that ethanol blending is an indigenous, cost-effective, pollution-reducing alternative vital for India's energy security.

Rhythms of India, Roots of Spain

Jose Agudo's Dance Connection



Sandip Soparrkar is a well known Ballroom dancer and a choreographer who has been honoured with National Achievement and National Excellence Award by the Govt of India. He can be contacted on sandip-soparrkar06@gmail.com



One of the world's most well known contemporary artists Jose Agudo was on a India tour, his career shaped up after many exciting projects like his dance at the London Olympics Opening Ceremony, performing at the Davis Cup Opening in Madrid, 'A Thousand Shepherds' for Cape Dance Company in South Africa, 'Glansvit' for Nordans in Sweden, Collaborating with renowned architect Zaha Hadid, Co-directing 'Selah', a feature film in Malta, premiering 'Carmen' in France and performing his solo piece 'Hero' in London. I caught up with Jose for a heart-to-heart chat, excerpts from the interview:

Tell me about your dance journey?

My journey began in Pinos Puente, a small village in Granada, Spain. At age 10, I joined a local theatre group led by my aunt, touring across Spain, Morocco,

Cuba, and Ireland. It was through a dance-heavy production called From Here to Hollywood—learning routines from VHS tapes—that I discovered my love for movement. Words felt limiting, but dance gave me freedom.

Though my family couldn't support my passion, a teacher once told me, "You're a dancer. That's what you should be doing." That stuck with me. At 18, I saw a flamenco performance that changed everything. Antonio Vallejo, the lead dancer, invited me to train for free as part of a community program. From there, I joined a Clásico Español school, studied flamenco, ballet,

folklore, and paid my way working in a hotel.

I took every opportunity—tablaos, street performances, circus, workshops—until a contemporary dance workshop with Ramón Oller opened a new world. I joined Date Danza, then trained at Centro Andaluz de Danza in Seville, learning Graham, Limón, Horton, and Cunningham. Soon after, I danced Swan Lake with Oller and joined Charleroi Danse in Belgium.

My career took me across Europe and to the U.S. I eventually moved to London, training in Kathak under Akram Khan. That brought me full circle to my flamenco roots. After seven years with Akram Khan Company, I founded Agudo Dance Company to create work rooted in both tradition and transformation.

What brings you to India? Where did you go for workshops?

My connection with India began in 2019 when I came to Play Practice in Bangalore to find collaborators for my piece Silk Road. The pandemic interrupted those plans. In 2022, I met Mruga Shroff at the Impulstanz Festival.

She attended my workshop and appreciated how I combined flamenco and Kathak. She invited me to India, I toured the country. I held workshops and performed in Mumbai, Bangalore, Pune, Surat, Kolkata and Kochi.

What did you think of Indian dancers?

The response has been truly heartwarming. Indian dancers resonated deeply with my fusion of styles. They were open, curious, and respectful—embracing the hybridity of my work, especially in my Flamenco Roots workshops. Many participants told me they rediscovered why they fell in love with dance in the first place. That's the best feedback I could hope for.

What attracts you to India and its dance culture?

India is a land of vibrant contradictions, and I feel completely myself here. The people are warm, kind, and deeply respectful. What I admire most in Indian dancers is their devotion. They surrender to the form without resistance—only questioning after fully experiencing it. That's rare and powerful.

Some say contemporary dance is a fad. Your thoughts?

Contemporary dance has given me the freedom to find my voice. I've studied flamenco, ballet, theatre, martial arts, and Kathak—but it's contemporary dance that lets me weave it all together. It's not a fad; it's a living, evolving art form. I believe it will continue to grow, welcoming new influences and perspectives, just like it did for me.

What's next for you?

Right now, I'm focusing on my solo career. I'm in my late 40s, and I want to challenge the idea that contemporary dance is only for the young. I'm also exploring children's dance theatre, new group works, and collaborations in India. I've stepped into musical theatre, too—first with The Kit Kat Club in London and now with Strictly Ballroom in Copenhagen.



Over 800 players compete in the district-level school carrom tournament in Airoli

Airoli: The District-Level School Carrom Tournament 2025–26, organised by the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation's Sports and Culture Department under the Directorate of Sports and Youth Services, concluded successfully at the Airoli Sports Association (ASA) on September 8 and 9. This year's event saw an impressive turnout of 819 participants, 465 boys and 344 girls, from schools and junior colleges across Navi Mumbai, marking a significant surge in interest in the sport.

In a display of talent, young athletes competed across three age groups: under-14, under-17, and under-19. The tournament was inaugurated by Dr.

Hemant Anarthe, Secretary of Airoli Sports Association, with the support of members from the District School Sports Committee and the Airoli Sports Association. The event, held in a well-equipped and inclusive environment, celebrated the growing enthusiasm for carrom among the youth.

Among the standout performers were Vedant Mandhre (I.E.S. Navi Mumbai High School) in the under-14 boys category, Kaustav Jaiswal (Podar International School) in the under-17 boys category, Suyash Patil (St. Xavier's High School) in the under-19 boys category, and Sara Shaikh (I.E.S. Navi Mumbai High School) in the under-14 girls. All winners have qualified for the



upcoming Mumbai Divisional Sports Tournament.

The success of the event was attributed to the ongoing outreach and support by the Sports and Cultural

Department of NMMC. NMMC Commissioner Dr. Kailas Shinde extended his congratulations to all participants and wished the qualifiers the best for the next stage of the tournament.



Thane girls shine at U-14 girls regional cricket tournament

Thane: In a proud moment for Thane, the under-14 girls' cricket team from Zone C, comprising players from Vasant Vihar School, Thane, and Pawar Public School, Bhandup, clinched victory in the prestigious Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE) state-level tournament. The matches were hosted at Bishop High School, Camp, Pune, on Tuesday, September 9. With this triumph, the entire team has also secured a berth in the Nationals, to be held in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh,

from September 14 to 16.

A total of 11 players from Vasant Vihar and 6 from Pawar Public were selected to represent Zone C. The team displayed exceptional skill throughout the tournament, winning their league matches and advancing to the final against Zone E. Batting first in the final, Zone C posted a formidable 110 runs for the loss of only 2 wickets in 12 overs. In response, Zone E faltered under pressure, collapsing to just 19 runs within 6.5 overs, as Zone C's bowlers and fielders

dominated the game.

Among the standout performances was wicketkeeper Kavya Pashte, who claimed six wickets and was rightfully named player of the match. Captain Dilisha Angchekar led from the front with a crucial 20-run contribution, while bowler Gautami More delivered an impressive spell, taking 3 wickets for just 5 runs in 1.3 overs. The team credited their victory to the meticulous planning and strategy of coaches Prashant More and Swati Patil, under the expert guidance of head coach Kiran Salgaonkar.

MBMC kabaddi team shines at state-level Tournament; win 2nd place

Mira Road: The Mira-Bhayandar Municipal Corporation (MBMC) Kabaddi team delivered an impressive performance at the state-level tournament held at Netaji Public Library, Phadegaon, from September 3 to 9, clinching the runner-up position.

MBMC Commissioner Radhabinod Sharma congratulated the players for their remarkable achieve-

ment. "The team has displayed determination, discipline, and sporting excellence in every match. Their hard work has brought pride to the corporation," he said, while extending best wishes for future competitions.

The commissioner personally met the team, boosting their morale and praising their efforts. MBMC's Sports Department

has officially adopted 15 kabaddi players, providing them with professional training under experienced coaches, fitness trainers, and physiotherapists.

Players expressed gratitude, noting that the commissioner's encouragement has infused them with renewed energy. They pledged to achieve greater success in upcoming tournaments.



Abhimanyu Mishra claims he's on par with the world's best

Samarkhand: Abhimanyu Mishra, the youngest-ever chess grandmaster, is confident that he's now on par with the world's top players. After earning his grandmaster title at just 12,

Mishra shared that he never felt inferior to his peers, including India's D. Gukesh. Reflecting on his journey, he credited his success to hard work and mental resilience. Despite his youth, Mishra

feels fully prepared to compete at the highest level. His story has inspired many, proving that age is no barrier to greatness in chess. He's now one of the brightest stars in the sport.

Bizarre bites

Lost cat travels 900 miles to find its way home

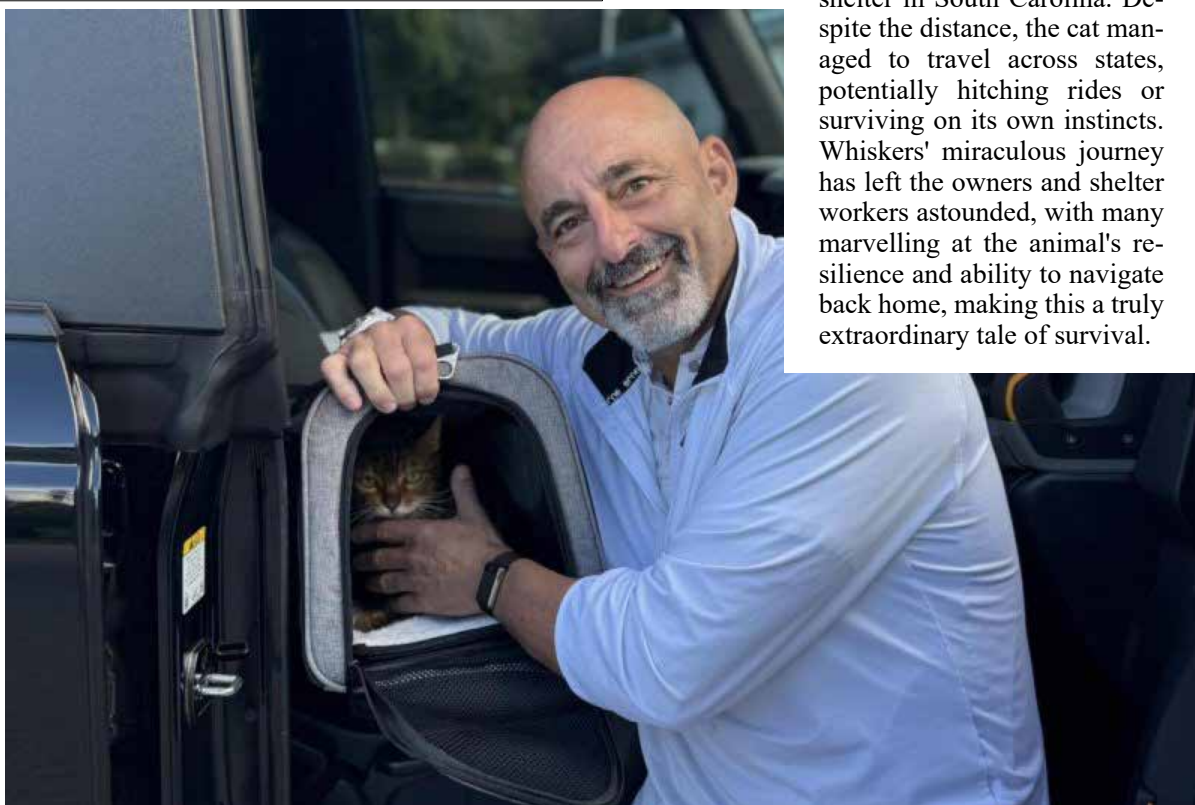
A heartwarming and bizarre tale emerged when a lost cat, missing for months, was found 900 miles away from its home. The cat, named Whiskers, was first reported missing from Currituck, North Carolina. After an extensive search by its owners, the feline was found in a

shelter in South Carolina. Despite the distance, the cat managed to travel across states, potentially hitching rides or surviving on its own instincts. Whiskers' miraculous journey has left the owners and shelter workers astounded, with many marvelling at the animal's resilience and ability to navigate back home, making this a truly extraordinary tale of survival.



Bus driver and woman passenger trade slaps

A bizarre altercation unfolded on a Bengaluru bus when a driver and a female passenger exchanged slaps, and the video went viral on social media. The incident, which occurred on a busy route, was sparked by a heated argument over a seat. Passengers captured the moment on their phones, showing the unusual confrontation that escalated quickly into physical altercations. Both the driver and the woman were later seen in separate videos explaining their sides of the story, with the woman claiming she was pushed, while the driver maintained he was provoked. The incident has sparked a debate online about the state of public transport and passenger conduct in Bengaluru.



An Indian man was denied a US visa for being too successful

In a bizarre twist of fate, an Indian man has shared his experience of being denied a US visa due to his successful career. The man, who had applied for an F-1 visa to pursue further studies in the US, was shocked when the visa officer cited his success as a reason for rejection. According to the officer, his well-established career and financial stability indicated that he might not return to India after completing his studies. The applicant shared his frustration on Reddit, where fellow users expressed disbelief, with many sharing similar experiences of unexplained visa rejections. This story has raised eyebrows about the opaque nature of visa decisions.



Indiana lawyer sues Mark Zuckerberg over impersonation mix-up

In a bizarre legal battle, Mark Zuckerberg, a bankruptcy lawyer from Indiana, has filed a lawsuit against Mark Zuckerberg, the CEO of Meta, over repeated account suspensions. The lawyer's commercial Facebook page, used to promote his legal practice, has been disabled five times in eight years for allegedly impersonating the tech mogul. Despite sharing the same name, the lawyer argues he's been practising law long before the billionaire's rise. Frustrated by over \$11,000 spent on ads, he's now suing Meta. Zuckerberg also revealed how his name causes daily mix-ups, including prank calls, death threats, and misdirected messages. While not a billionaire, he quipped, "If the other Mark Zuckerberg needs bankruptcy help, I'll gladly handle his case."



Watch ads to get toilet paper in China

In a quirky turn of events, public toilets in China have introduced a bizarre system where you must watch ads to get access to toilet paper. The initiative, designed to promote advertisement revenues, requires toilet-goers to view a short advertisement before they can access paper. The system, implemented in some public restrooms, scans the user's face and gives them a set amount of toilet paper after a few seconds of the ad. While the scheme aims to generate extra income, it has left many users scratching their heads, with some questioning the privacy implications and the oddity of having to "earn" toilet paper.



Bollywood

Chafachaf



Rinku Singh was reluctant to fly with SRK

Cricketer Rinku Singh recently shared an emotional story about how Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan stood by him during one of the lowest points in his career. Rinku, who was initially snubbed from the World Cup squad, recalled an instance when he was reluctant to fly with SRK in his private jet. However, the KKR owner, known for his motivational skills, encouraged Rinku and helped rebuild his confidence. In a heartfelt conversation, Rinku revealed how Shah Rukh, through his words and actions, played a pivotal role in boosting his morale. This gesture, Rinku believes, was a turning point that revived his spirit and helped him regain focus on his career.

Satish Shah calls for a boycott of the India-Pak Asia Cup match

Veteran actor Satish Shah has sparked a controversy by urging a boycott of the much-anticipated India-Pakistan Asia Cup match. The actor, known for his outspoken views, expressed his dissatisfaction with the political tensions between the two countries, suggesting that such high-profile sports events only exacerbate the divide. His comments have ignited a debate on the role of politics in international sports, especially when cricket serves as a unifying force for millions of fans. While some have supported Shah's stance, others have condemned the statement, calling for the separation of sports from political matters. The call for a boycott has added fuel to the ongoing discussions surrounding the event.



Who is Imaad Shah? The ex-boyfriend of Hrithik Roshan's girlfriend

Imaad Shah, the son of renowned actors Naseeruddin Shah and Ratna Pathak Shah, has recently grabbed headlines as the ex-boyfriend of Hrithik Roshan's girlfriend, Saba Azad. Imaad, who is also an actor and musician, is known for his unique style and artistic inclination. His relationship with Saba Azad, however, ended amicably, and both have moved on in their respective careers.

Despite the connection to Bollywood's famous families, Imaad has carved his own path in the industry, often staying away from the media spotlight.



'Kantara Chapter 1' sets OTT record before its release

The much-anticipated "Kantara Chapter 1" is set to make history before its release, with its OTT rights being sold for a whopping ₹125 crore. This deal, which comes ahead of the film's official release, has surpassed the previous record set by "Pushpa 2," making it one of the most expensive OTT rights deals in recent times. Directed by Rishab Shetty, "Kantara" has already created buzz for its gripping storyline and exceptional performances. Fans are eagerly waiting to see how the film performs on both OTT and theatrical platforms. The success of the movie before its official release shows the massive interest in regional cinema.

Priya Sachdev slams Karisma Kapoor amid estate feud

In an ongoing family feud, Priya Sachdev, the widow of Sunjay Kapur, has attacked his ex-wife, Karisma Kapoor, over a dispute regarding his estate. The bitter conflict has brought to light old grievances, with Priya accusing Karisma of trying to control the distribution of Sunjay's wealth. Priya's latest statements reveal the emotional turmoil she is experiencing as she fights for her rightful share of the estate. The feud between the two women has now become a high-profile legal battle, with both parties claiming to have been wronged.

