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Nine meritorious women from various fields honoured at Vishnu-das Bhawe Natyagruha

Ashok Pushpa Prakashan awarded nine meritorious women in the field of drama, literature, ghazal, education, journalism and film on December 9, 2021, in Vashi...

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TIA members meet Jitendra Sonavane, Senior Police Inspector, Talaja MIDC Police station

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Fresh massive burial spotted at Uran wetland

Greens SOS to CM, HC panel

Environmentalists have raised an alarm over a fresh, massive destruction of the migratory bird destination, the Savarkhar wetland, in the Uran area where a large-scale landfill is in

traditional fishing community Paaramparik Machimar Bachao Kruti Samiti.

NatConnect Foundation and Shri Ekvira Sai Pratishtan have dashed an urgent SOS mail to

video of the landfill.

JNPT has been doing landfill in the area for some time, but they have been in a denial mode, said B N Kumar, director of NatConnect Foundation.



progress.

"Scores of truckloads of earth and debris are being poured on the 15 hectare water body and it is a serious situation," said Dilip Koli of

the Chief Minister, the Environment department and the High Court appointed Mangrove and Wetland committees. They have also sent the GPS photographs and

During an earlier landfill, an official inspection has been conducted on the environmentalists' complaints.

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City fire brigade gets five new Bolero jeeps



By Chandrashekhar Hendve
The chief fire officer of the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC), Shirish Aradwad has informed that the Navi Mumbai fire

brigade has got five new Bolero jeeps which have been deployed at Vashi, Airoli, Nerul, CBD and Koparkhairane fire stations.

"The old vehicles

belonging to Navi Mumbai Fire Brigade have been scrapped and replaced with new ones. As the previous vehicles were more than 15 years old, they were in

bad condition. The new vehicles will be useful in reaching the narrow lanes," said Chief Fire officer of Vashi fire station, Purushottam Jadhav.

CR rescues and reunites 864 children with their families

RPF coordinates with TTE, GRP, station staff, passengers and NGOs for this noble service

By Ashok Dhamija

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) in coordination with Ticket Checking staff (TTE), Government Railway Police (GRP), station staff of Central Railway in addition to carrying out regular day to day work in line with their job profile also showed their human side as they rescued 864 runaway children over the last eleven months and reunited them with their families.

This includes 535 boys and 329 girls in various age groups who had either absconded

from their homes or were lost and found on trains, railway platforms and railway premises by RPF with the help of Childline NGOs and passengers. Mumbai Di-



Runaway children being united with their mother by CR staff

vision itself witnessed 322 such cases (194 boys and 128 girls) ahead of Pune Division with 306 such instances over the last eleven months.

"Most of these children had come to the railway station without informing their families, due to some fight

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JNPT officials have told the joint revenue and forest team that the port has nothing to do with it, Kumar recalled.

On the contrary, the port officials blamed it on the local fishing com-

fill has blocked the tidal water channel. JNPT is filling the water body that is remaining now, he said.

This is not the first time that JNPT reclaimed the Uran water bodies. A free-flowing long stretch of creek was filled at Jasai less

The burial of Uran wetlands has disturbed the fragile ecological balance here as the migratory and local birds are forced to struggle for landing places for roosting and nesting.

In fact, the Karal Gram Panchayat has in July appealed to Uran



munity for blocking the water flow for fishing. Revenue circle officer Sandeep Bhandari ordered the removal of the bund that blocked the water flow.

Now, all of a sudden, the landfill has started and the water body will disappear if the authorities do not interfere, Kumar said in his complaint.

Nandakumar Pawar, head of Shri Ekvira Aai Pratishtan, said the land-

than three years ago on the pretext of creating plots for allotment to the project affected people under the 12.5% compensation scheme, he recalled.

"This is really tragic that the project proponents are playing with nature at a time when the government is trying to protect wetlands such as the Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary as Ramsar site," Kumar said.

Tehsildar to look into the landfill at Savarkhar that is causing intermittent floods in the village. The tidal water block is finding its way to low lying areas with the blocking of the flow, Pawar pointed out.

JNPT has already blocked several fishing channels and entry and exit points to the sea and now we are deprived of catching fish in whatever wetlands that are left, Dilip Koli said.

Six robbers who attacked gold trader nabbed

By Crime Reporter

The Crime Branch has arrested six robbers from Ambajogai, Beed who attacked a gold trader on a private bus and looted Rs. nineteen lakhs in cash. The crime branch was able to seize the entire amount looted by the gang as well as the weapons and two vehicles used by them, said Police Commissioner Bipin Kumar Singh.

Among the accused arrested in the case are Aniket Joma Mhatre (23), Kartik Sushil Sinha (24), Kiran Vijay Pawar (21), Bhima Ramrao Pawar (21), Manoj Gurmya Rathod (22) and Laxman Subhash Rathod alias Lucky alias Waghya (21). The complainant in the case, Santosh Jadhav, 37, was a gold trader from Ambajogai in Beed. Whenever he visited Mumbai, he would visit his friend who lives in Kalamboli to freshen up, and then he would go to Mumbai to buy jewellery.

Taking advantage,

Aniket Joma Mhatre, an acquaintance of Santosh Jadhav's friend who lives in Kalamboli, planned to rob Jadhav. At around 7 am on November 27, when Jadhav was boarding a private travel bus carrying cash Rs. nineteen lakhs they allegedly looted, assaulted him and fled with the cash.

Upon learning of the incident, the Kamathe police admitted Santosh Jadhav to the hospital and registered a case of robbery against an unidentified robber. Mahesh Ghurye, Additional Commissioner of Police, Crime Branch, immediately formed a special squad under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner of Police, Suresh Mengde, to look into the matter. Accordingly, Giridhar Gore, Senior Inspector of Police,

Crime Branch Unit-2 and his team examined the injured Santosh Jadhav, eyewitnesses and CCTV footage of the incident. He also conducted a technical investigation and arrested six accused involved in the case. Police also seized three weapons and two vehicles used by the six, police said.

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Countdown timer at Vashi APMC Market traffic signal display numbers in English again

The numbers were displayed in Marathi for one week

By Abhitash D. Singh

The countdown timer at Vashi APMC Market signal which had been displaying in Marathi for nearly one week has again started displaying in English. Earlier there was discussion in the city that the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) was planning to install Marathi countdown timer at few traffic signals on trial basis but a senior official from NMMC electric department said that it was a technical glitch and there is no such plan to install Marathi countdown timer because Navi Mumbai is a cosmopolitan city.

Speaking with the Newsband, the NMMC electric department officer on the condition of anonymity informed, "As of now, there is no plan to install Marathi countdown timers in the satellite city because people from all walks of life and states stay in the city. The countdown timer was displayed in

Marathi from last one week but it was due to some software issue. We have no intention of switching the language from English to Marathi."

Now all the countdown timers in



the satellite are displaying the numbers in English, said an official.

Bittu Singh, a resident of Vashi said, "I myself noticed the countdown timer in Marathi at Vashi APMC Market traffic signal for at least three days. But, now the countdown timer is again displaying numbers in English."

TIA members meet Jitendra Sonavane, Senior Police Inspector, Taloja MIDC Police station



By Chandrashekhar Hendve

The Managing Committee members of Taloja Industries Association (TIA) met and welcomed the new Senior Police Inspector, Taloja MIDC Police station, Jitendra Sonavane on Thursday, 9th December 2021.

Jitendra Sonavane has taken over the charge from Kashinath Chavan, who got promoted as Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP)-Mumbai, recently.

Satish Shetty (Anna) apprised Jitendra Sonavane that TIA and its member Industries had used their respective CSR funds and helped the Taloja MIDC Police station to install CCTV cameras in different parts of Taloja MIDC Industrial belt. Further,

Anna told Sonavane that if after conducting a survey of the entire Taloja MIDC area, he feels that additional cameras are required, Industries would be eager to help.

"TIA and its members (I.G. Petrochemicals Limited) had lately helped beautify the garden at the Police Commissioner's office-Navi Mumbai Head Quarter at Belapur, using their respective CSR fund," said Anna.

With the objective of boosting patrolling of the Taloja MIDC area, Sonavane requested Anna if Industries could help in donating a Scorpio or Bolero vehicle to Taloja MIDC Police station to which Anna said he would take up this request with the industries.

MP Rajan Vichare holds meeting with Principal Secretary, Forest Department

By Chandrashekhar Hendve

MP Rajan Vichare has directed the Principal Secretary, Forest Department, B. Venugopal Reddy to inspect the various development works in Navi Mumbai which needs approval of forest department.

The meeting was organized by video conference under the chairmanship of Dr. Reddy. Thane Municipal Commissioner Dr. Vipin Kumar Sharma, Navi Mumbai Municipal Commissioner Abhijit Bangar, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Virendra Tiwari, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Level Officers, Naresh Jhurmure of Nagpur Division, Sanjay Gandhi National Park. C. F. Limaye, Thane Chief Conservator of Forests S. Vs. Rama Rao, Deputy Forest Conservator Gajendra Hiray, Chief Engineer of Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Shashikant Sontakke and other officials were present.

While establishing Navi Mumbai city, CIDCO covered 21.15 km from Belapur to Airoli. The long Palm Beach road was planned, but out of that 19.20 km. the longest road has been constructed by CIDCO. CIDCO could not build the rest of the length of the road. This unfinished project has completed 12 years. MP Rajan Vichare took the initiative to pave the way for the project. He also received 50 per cent CIDCO grant for the proposal. Therefore, it will be possible to connect the rest of the Palm Beach Road to Mulund Katai Road at Airoli Bridge.

The proposed 3 + 3

(6-lane bridge) along the Airoli Creek shore is expected to cost Rs 371 crore. If this bridge and road is made this will be an alternative route from Belapur to Airoli. This will control the internal traffic in the city and will also provide alternative routes to Thane-Belapur road and reduce traffic congestion on Thane-Belapur road. If this 1.95 km road is connected to Mulund Katai road, it will be convenient for the citizens of Navi Mumbai from Mumbai and further Dombivli-Kalyan, Badlapur, Ambernath Ikad. This road will also provide an alternative route for the citizens of Mumbai Suburbs, Mulund, Bhandup, Thane to reach

has started the work of first phase entrance of this place through Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation. Also, the second phase of beautification and development will create Navi Mumbai as a tourist destination and it will benefit the citizens of NMMC as well as the neighbouring city for entertainment and leisure, the proposal has been prepared accordingly. The work includes construction of footpaths, construction of ticket window, leisure arrangements, installation of latrines, construction of protective wall, construction of gabion wall, pinching, drainage line, steps up to lake, electrical works, laying of aqueducts etc. has been proposed

"If this proposal is implemented, the development of Gavalidev as a scenic tourist destination will add to the beautification of the city and provide facilities for tourism to the citizens", said Vichare.

As the site is under the jurisdiction of the Forest Department, the proposal has been submitted for the permission of the Forest Department under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

Cycle track on Palm Beach route

The city of Navi Mumbai is developing. Various projects are being set up around this city. The NMMC had come up with a proposal to develop a cycle track on the Palm Beach route to link these projects, such as the International Airport and Metro, which are in progress. Naresh Jhurmure, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, assured Vichare that the proposal would be sorted out soon.



the city of Navi Mumbai and the proposed Navi Mumbai Airport faster. Due to this road traffic on Thane Belapur road will also be controlled.

Airoli Creek is home to a large number of flamingo birds, and the Forest Department has created a flamingo park. Citizens flock here to see the flamingos. Separate arrangements will be made for viewing the rest of Palm Beach Street (Flamingo). Also, Discovery Garden will be made.

Regarding the development of Gavalidev tourist spot, MP Rajan Vichare has taken the initiative to develop Gavalidev as a natural tourist destination in Ghansoli division and

Inspire: The saga of Snehalaya

By Dr. Vandana Mahajani

They only live, who live for others, the rest are more dead than alive. - Swami Vivekananda. This thought had been imbibed by Dr. Girish Kulkarni quiet early in life.

Girish Kulkarni grew up in Ahmednagar enjoying life in a middle-class, loving, and supportive family. Although he was doing well academically, at the age of eight his parents enrolled him in after-school Math and English classes.

Going to the class took him through one of the city's red-light areas, area children were generally forbidden to enter. He regularly saw girls his own age sitting outside brothels selling their bodies to the highest bidder. Even at this young age, the injustice of being born into a poor situation had a profound impact on him as he appreciated his own 'luck' at being able to go to school, have food in his stomach, and loving parents to protect him from the horrors these girls faced every day.

He questioned it constantly and saw the full impact of their misery when he witnessed a naked child being beaten and tortured with chilies rubbed on her genitals. Her crime? She had contracted syphilis and was no longer able to work. The young Girish felt powerless to help and his inability to intervene haunted him into early adulthood.

When Girish started college he made many friends, including one with a home in the red-light area. He found their 15-year-old sister and mother in her 40s both employed as female sex workers alongside their 70-year-old grandmother who was also selling her services for the price of a cup of tea. Again, Girish didn't know how

he could help.

He had been involved with Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad for almost 10 years. As a part of it he met many good leaders, he travelled the whole country, saw its problems and understood the people and their pain. He realized that people gathered for dance and drama, or simple snake shows why we cannot gather them to listen to good talk. It started happening.

In 1986 he went to meet Anna Hazare, Baba

not now, then when? If not me, then who? were haunting him.

Finding answers to these questions finally lead to action. Inspired by the Gandhian philosophy of serving the last people in society and recognising the injustice of a community forced into sex workers his mind questioned "How can I change the lives of at least a few people?"

In 1988 he first visited the red light area and expressed his wish to help. He faced great difficulties. He approached



MEET 'REAL LIFE HERO'

Dr Girish Kulkarni

Founder of Snehalaya, Maharashtra, India



Amte, Vijaya tai lavate, Prerna's Preeti Patkar working in Kamathipura area he learnt a lot. Reading Swami Vivekananda and Babasaheb Ambedkar inspired him and motivated him.

In 1988 he completed his studies. Did M.A., Ph.D in political science. His family suggested he becomes an IAS, enter system and work for people. But Girish had this dream of working himself for the deprived sections. Government system was not the solution.

Two questions: If

the sex workers to ask how he could help and wanting nothing for themselves they said, "Take our children".

Girish taught these children prayers and told them stories at first. So, each day Girish would turn up to pick up two children and take them to a park, buy them snacks, tell them stories about ghosts or teach them how to ride bicycles. Word soon spread and within four months he was entertaining 100 children!!! Now mang-

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The sacrificing superheroes

Much of what we study in school and college is forgotten over the years (some of it immediately after our examinations). It is almost as though a bottle of water is poured over our minds, wiping out and erasing all that we have learned.

However, as a student of literature, there are some poems that have left an indelible mark on my heart - a few lines that have remained with me even after decades. They continue to haunt me because they are timeless, universal and thought provoking, even though they were written in another era in another part of the world.

As I read about the unfortunate and untimely demise of General Bipin Rawat, our first Chief of Defence Staff of the Indian Armed Forces, and the others who passed away in the recent helicopter crash, the lines came back to haunt me.

These poems were written over a hundred years ago, but are still poignant and moving because they describe the thoughts of a soldier reflecting on his life. The poem by Rupert Brooke entitled 'The Soldier' based on the First World War begins thus:

"If I should die, think only this of me:

That there is some corner in a foreign field,

That is forever England."

The soldier overcomes his fear of dying away from his homeland by recognizing that his death will ensure that a part of his country is buried in a foreign land - and that will give him a sense of satisfaction because in some way his death will signify victory.

Another touching poem 'Strange Meeting' by Wilfred Owen talks



Dr. Monica Khanna

about the futility of war where two soldiers from opposing nations meet in Hell, and one says to the other "I am the enemy you killed my friend". They have no cause to mourn, "save the undone years. The hopelessness..."

The life of a soldier can send shivers down one's spine. It requires incredible courage to take the first plunge and jump into a well, not knowing whether or not one will be able to return unscathed. It requires tremendous will power and determination to serve one's

nation, endangering one's life and that of one's family consciously, knowingly, deliberately... While a number of films attempt to give an insight into the emotions and struggles of a soldier, causing our hair to stand on end, no book, poem, song, or movie can ever capture what a soldier and the family go through every living minute of their lives. It is unfathomable, and one cannot even begin to empathize because we as civilians inhabit a completely

different universe. We can sleep in peace because there is someone out there who is spending sleepless nights protecting us, whose family lives under constant threat, danger and uncertainty of a tomorrow that may never arrive.

No words of gratitude can ever be enough to repay the debt of their sacrifice - they are truly noble souls who will always remain etched in our memories as sources of inspiration, strength and an indomitable spirit of resilience.

Dr. Monica Khanna is an author, academician and trainer.

She works as Associate Professor at Indira Institute of Business Management.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Vodafone-Idea Company looting customers

In the last eighteen months, the Vodafone-Idea Company have increased their recharging rates for 28 days from Rs 35 to Rs 49 to Rs 79 to Rs 99 just because the Vodafone-Idea Company is going into huge losses. Shame on the management for looting us. And recharging is a 'must' every 28 days. If one does not recharge their mobile, then the number is allotted to someone else. This is ridiculous because I hardly make calls.

Jubel D'Cruz, Mumbai

New Panvel Shiv Sena Mahila Aghadi carries out protest against Mayor and Raigad District Women's Liaison Association

By Chandrashekhar Hendve

The New Panvel Shiv Sena Mahila Aghadi carried out a protest against Mayor and Raigad District Women's Liaison Association Kishoritai Pednekar for hurting the sentiments of people and tarnishing the image of Maharashtra during a press conference organized by BJP MLA Ashish Shelar recently.

Protesting in this regard, Mrs. Apoorva Prabhu of New Panvel Mahila Shahar Sanghata lodged a complaint with Subhash Kokate,

Senior Inspector of Police, Khandeshwar Police Station on behalf of Panvel Mahila Aghadi.



Taluka organizer Sujata Kadam, sub-metropolitan organizer Navin Panvel Manda Jungle, sub-

metropolitan organizer Navin Panvel Sugandha Shinde, sub-city organizer Mrs. Maya Devde,

Department Organizer Mrs. Sharda Suravase and Vaishali Ghag were present.

State govt. gives ultimatum to MSRTC workers

*Report to work by Monday or else face action:
Anil Parab, Transport Minister*

By Chandrashekhar Hendve

The state government has given an ultimatum to the striking employees of the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC). The workers have been asked to report to work by Monday or else face action under the Maharashtra Essential Services Maintenance Act (MESMA) or under other legal norms.

Transport Minister Anil Parab said the government or MSRTC will not take any action against the striking employees from retrospective effect. He, however, stressed that if the suspended employees report to work by Monday, their suspension will be revoked. However, if they fail to do so then action will be initiated against them. MSRTC has already suspended 10,000 employees for defying the orders while continuing their participation in a month-long strike.

Parab said the orders to revoke the suspension are being issued on Friday but insisted that those suspended employees should report to work by Monday.



"I spoke to all ST depot controllers who are being approached by some employees that they want to report to work but are being stopped. On the other hand, the suspended employees also approached them with a plea to revoke the suspension and give them another chance. A majority of the officers are of the view that those suspended employees should be given one opportunity and, therefore, I have ap-

pealed to them to report to work by Monday," said Parab.

He said that the suspended employees after reporting to work will be deployed in depots which will function with 50% capacity while others will be accommodated in the adjoining depots.

ST workers have called an indefinite strike demanding the merger of ST Corporation with the state government. The strike has been going on for more than a month now. The Transport Minister said that the committee appointed by the court in this regard is expected to submit a preliminary report during the hearing on December 20. The final report on the merger will be submitted to the High Court within 12 weeks, i.e. around 20 January 22. Parab reiterated that the government will take a decision on MSRTC's merger after the court ruling.

District level badminton tournament inaugurated



District level badminton tournament was organised by Ramsheth Thakur International Sports Complex and Raigad District Badminton Association from 10th to 13th December. The competition was inaugurated on Friday by Paresh Thakur, Chairman, Sports Complex and House Leader, Panvel Municipal Corporation. Raigad Badminton Association Secretary David Alvarees, Sports Complex Assistant Manager Shyamnath Punde, Management Committee members Ravindra Bhagat, Shiva Karali, Yogesh Patil and other players were present on the occasion.

Sporting encounter...



Following two years of sabbatical, sporting activities resumed in city. Photo shows action from a Navi Mumbai based Intra Office Cricket Match being played at NMSA Vashi on Saturday. (By Ashok Dhamija)

MNS officials demand MSEDCL to sort-out power issue in KK

By Chandrashekhar Hendve

Following the inconvenience caused to the residents due to the frequent power cuts, member of MNS, Koparkhairane branch met the officials of MSEDCL and demanded measures to sort the power issue in the node.

Speaking about the issue, MNS division president Chandrakant Dange said "MSEDCL's underground power lines have been laid up to Chikneshwar Udyan and 1, 2, 3, 4 Udyan in Koparkhairane Sector 3. As there is work going on, the cables have been dug up and the wires

get snapped following which there is power cut. Hence we have demanded the MSEDCL

drakant Dange, Ganesh Wadkar, branch president Avadhut Gadkari, Vidyarthi Sena branch



officials to look into the matter".

Koparkhairane division president Chan-

drakant Dange, Ganesh Wadkar, branch president Avadhut Gadkari, Vidyarthi Sena branch

Editorial

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Navi Mumbai gets the much-needed pet corner

The Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) has inaugurated the satellite city's first pet corner at Vashi on the demand of the pet parents. The initiative is a part of Swachh Sarvekshan 2022 and will go a long way in making the city become known as a pet friendly city. The pet corner will surely reflect how the canines in the city are being treated and have been given dedicated places for their natural calls. The initiative is commendable and credit goes to the civic body for setting a benchmark for many others to follow.

The pet park comes at a great time. Like we and the rest of the nation, continues to feel the effects of the coronavirus, the park offers a low-risk option for the residents to get outside with their furry family

member for their natural call.

The park has been designed with a basic facility for the dogs to poop. The premise also has facilities like dustbins and scoopers, which will be helpful for the pet owners to pick up the waste and put it in the dustbin. A user has to manually pick up the waste of their dog after they excrete in the sand. This park is essential in terms of cleanliness as even if people pick up the poop from the road, the marks remain on the road and spread a foul smell. To deal with that problem they have come up with this unique concept.

NMMC has decided to provide ten such pet corners across the city. This is indeed the need of the hour and will go a long way in ensuring that the footpaths of the city remain clean.

CR Mega Block on Sunday

Suburban services to be affected between Panvel – Vashi and Nerul-Kharkopar

By Ashok Dhamija

Central Railway (CR) will operate Mega Block on its suburban sections (Harbour, Trans-Harbour BSU (Fourth Corridor) and Main Sections) for carrying out various engineering and maintenance works that are essential for infrastructure upkeep and safety on Sunday 12th December, 2021 as per the details given below:

A) Panvel – Vashi UP and DN Harbour lines

From: 10.22 am to 3.49 pm

UP Harbour line services towards Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT), Mumbai leaving Panvel from 10.33 am to 3.49 pm and DN Harbour line services to Belapur / Panvel leaving CSMT, Mumbai from 9.45 am to 3.16 pm will remain suspended.

However, special local trains will run on Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Mumbai – Vashi during the block period.

B) Thane – Panvel UP and DN Trans-Harbour lines

From: 10.01 am to 3.53 pm

UP Trans-Harbour line services towards Thane leaving Panvel from 11.02 am to 3.53 pm and DN Trans-Harbour line services towards Panvel leaving Thane from 10.01 am to 3.20

pm will remain cancelled.

Trans-harbour line services will be available between Thane-Vashi/Nerul stations during the block period

C) Nerul – Kharkopar BSU lines (Fourth Corridor)

From: 11.40 am to 4.25 pm

UP BSU line services for Nerul leaving Kharkopar from 12.25 am to 4.25 pm and DN BSU line services for Kharkopar leaving Nerul from 11.40 am to 3.45 pm will remain cancelled.

D) Mulund-Diva UP and DN Main Slow lines

From: 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

UP Slow services leaving Kalyan from 10.27 am to 3.37 pm will be diverted on UP Fast line between Diva and Mulund stations, skipping halt at Mumbra and Kalva stations and further will be re-diverted on UP Slow line at Mulund station. DN Slow services leaving Dadar from 10.11 am to 3.14 pm will be diverted on DN Fast line between Mulund and Diva stations, skipping halt at Kalva and Mumbra stations and further re-diverted on DN Slow line at Diva station.

Passengers are requested to bear with the Railway Administration for the inconvenience caused.

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ing the kids was challenging. They started calling him Baba, Nana, dada, it emotionally attached him to the children. The burden of love was growing.

Leftover food from wedding parties was also distributed to those who had no work on a day. Children started respecting their mothers as they learnt to touch her feet. Women felt empowered now and they revolted against people who misused their positions.

Snehalaya started when number of children increased. Girish ji says "I never reacted to problems, but responded." His parents supported fully by giving their home as place to stay, then came the women, old prostitutes to take care of them. Charity begins at home. And it happened.

He wanted other people to join him. At first people promised, they came a day and next day they had excuses. So he stopped following people. He realized that those who genuinely wanted to work would come under any circumstances.

Swami Vivekananda said "When crores of poor people are dying of hunger, I will call every man a traitor who acquired education at the cost of poor but did not bother about them. We should change our attitude towards the poor."

Girish ji stared working day and night to get provisions in form of food clothing etc needed by them. It was never an effort for him. It gave him joy.

Anti trafficking for child prostitution was

next challenge. He had to face criminals. In one case a 16 year old was exploited by 20 people. Those involved were police, hotel owners, and business men. He finally won the case after a war of 8 years, and the guilty got double life imprisonment as punishment.

"If 10-20 people committed people come together, nothing is im-

possible" he says. Today there is no child prostitution in Ahmednagar district. In Nagar district there is no second generation prostitution.

"The poor and the miserable are for our salvation, so that we may serve the Lord, coming in the shape of the diseased, coming in the shape of the lunatic, the leper, and the sinner! Bold are my words; and let me repeat that it is the greatest privilege in our life that we are allowed to serve the Lord in all these shapes."

Swami Vivekananda



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Today Snehalaya works not only for children, but HIV patients also. India's first HIV rehab centre was started in 1992 at Snehalaya. Hospitals had to be started, medicines had to be given, cremation of HIV dead patients was a problem and is still prevalent. A child line was started in 1997, a community radio station has started. A newspaper has been started. Agri and dairy business has been started. Yuva are involved in these projects.

He says, "We are a nation with maximum number of youngsters in the world, we need to give proper direction to these youngsters. If

desh. They hope to learn a lot from this country, like micro financing. He hopes that each youth can become a lamp if not the sun.

Today, Snehalaya works across 17 projects, that over 100,000 people have benefited from, saving countless lives and giving dignity back to those marginalised by society.

To conclude, as Swami Vivekananda says "Religions of the world have become lifeless mockeries. What the world wants is character. The world is in need of those whose life is one burning love, selfless. That love will make every word tell like thunderbolt" Let us learn from the life of Dr. Girish Kulkarni.

Dr. Vandana Mahajani, Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari

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Get ready for more restrictions if not vaccinated fully

Maha govt thinks of imposing strict restrictions on those who have not taken both doses of Covid-19 vaccine

By Abhitash D. Singh

Amidst omicron scare, the Maharashtra government has decided to impose more restrictions on citizens who have not been fully vaccinated against Covid-19. An official from the state health department informed that those who have not taken the second jab of the vaccine will face more restrictions and a decision regarding the same would be announced soon.

As per the state health department, more than 1.75 crore citizens in the state have not received their second dose of vaccine, and this raises the risk of infection spread.

The senior officials from the state government have appealed to the citizens to get vaccinated on priority basis. Warning has also been issued that if both the vaccines are not received, then the individuals will have to face additional restrictions, as curbs will be imposed

selectively.

Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra Ajit Pawar while speaking with the media personnel on Thursday said, "All the eligible citizens in the state should support the government in fighting the virus and choosing not to get vaccinated is not an option. To strengthen the same, the government has been deciding on certain



restrictions, which will restrict their activities in the state. Strict steps will be taken only to encourage citizens to get vaccinated as directed."

It should be noted that the state health department over the last several months, has worked hard to procure the vaccines for the citizens, and with enough doses available, citizens who

haven't taken the second dose, have been appealed to get vaccinated.

As per the state health department data only 4.37 crore people out of the 12.03 crore have been fully vaccinated. This implies that over 7 crore have only taken their first dose of the vaccine

Pawar further added, "The government may ask the district adminis-

tration to restrict the entry of people who have not taken their second shot into government and private offices, at malls and shopping complexes. In addition, the district administration may direct ration shops, gas agencies and petrol pumps to supply groceries and fuel only to those people who have taken the second jab."

Lupin announces launch of its diagnostics business

Reaffirms its commitment to building an integrated healthcare proposition in India

By Vikram Gaikwad

Global pharma major Lupin Limited (Lupin) has announced the launch of Lupin Diagnostics in India. As part of its strategy to provide integrated healthcare in India, Lupin Diagnostics, a wholly owned subsidiary of Lupin, has formally commenced operations.

With healthcare playing an increasingly important role, Lupin Diagnostics' goal is to provide quality diagnostics services to doctors, patients and consumers. The company has established a state-of-the-art 45,000 sq. ft National Reference Laboratory in Navi Mumbai. With world-class equipment, experienced doctors assisted by trained technologists, and stringent quality control protocols, Lupin Diagnostics will provide a comprehensive range of diagnostic tests. These include molecular diagnostics, cytogenetics, flow cytometry, microbiology, serology, histopathology and cytology, haematology, immunology, amongst others.

Commenting on this development, Mr. Nilesh Gupta, Managing Director, Lupin said, "The health and well-being of our customers is our top priority at Lupin. Combining decades of experience and knowledge in the field of therapeutics, we aim to provide our doctors, patients and consumers with the same experience offering quality diagnostic services that are built on trust. I am delighted to announce the launch of Lupin Diagnostics enabling customers across India to obtain more accurate results with personalized insights, built on a backbone of quality standards and controls that are unrivalled. Our experienced team of Pathologists, Microbiologists, and Geneticists, along with trained technical support team will ensure that each customer receives high quality diagnostic care."

"The pandemic has elevated health-

care to the top of the global agenda. The role of diagnostics is crucial to improving the health and well-being of society," said Rajeev Sibal, President, India Region Formulations, Lupin. "We are pleased to announce the launch of Lupin Diagnostics, which will provide consumers with the best-in-class diagnostics services with the highest quality standards in the industry. With a world-class infrastructure and equipment, seasoned doctors, supported by well-qualified technologists, we will provide a comprehensive array of diagnostic tests."



"Doctors increasingly rely on high quality diagnostic tests to formulate a treatment and disease management plan that is evidence-based. Diagnostics results are an important part of this decision-making while managing the journey of a patient," said Ravindra Kumar, Vice President & Head, Lupin Diagnostics. "By building on Lupin's market leadership position, we are well-positioned to lead and shape Lupin's diagnostics business in India."

The core facilities of the laboratory include all major diagnostics services, preventive health check-ups, and a comprehensive range of tests. All the processing will be operated by Lupin Healthcare as a hub and will be connected to a nation-wide network of regional, satellite and collection centers. In addition, Lupin is identifying franchisee partners who are willing to serve the needs of patients with a singular motto of 'Quality & Care'.

Meritorious students awarded



Sarnaubat Netaji Palkar Vidyamandir and Yashwantrao Deshmukh Kanishtha Mahavidyalaya Chowk, under the chairmanship of Avinash Deshmukh awarded meritorious students. Senior journalist Madhav Patil was present as the chief guest.

In her introductory speech, the Deputy Principal Pujari Madam gave a detailed account

of the academic progress and the work done by the Institute during the Corona period. She expressed satisfaction over the success achieved by the students in 5th to 9th and 11th standard.

The working president of the organization, Shobha Deshmukh, Narendra Shah, Yogendra Shah, Director Bipin Shah, Director Gaikwad Madam, Dhananjay

Deshmukh along with parents and teachers were present.

Speaking during the occasion Madhav Patil appreciated the contribution of Deshmukh family in the field of education.

Adv Avinash Deshmukh thanked his colleagues and teachers for their support and said that it is a testament to the good work done by the organization.

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or some family issues or in search of better life or glamour. Our personnel including TTE GRP, Station Staff along with RPF in coordination with passengers and Childline NGOs ensured that these run away or missing children were reunited

with their families after due verifications. Infact a total of 79 children, including 50 boys and 29 girls were rescued, and reunited with their families in the month of November-2021 on Central Railway. Many of the parents expressed their deep gratitude and thankfulness for this noble service of the Rail-

ways. Central Railway appeals to passengers to be alert during journey and report such cases to the on duty railway staff or to the nearest Childline NGO or dial Helpline number 1098 and thereby help unite lost children with their families," shared Shivaji Sutar, CPRO Central Railway.

Rotarians call for empowerment and inclusiveness of differently abled people

By Ashok Dhamija

International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPDD), which is observed on 3rd December annually since 1982, aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

Keeping in context the 2021 theme i.e. 'Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable post-COVID-19 world', Rotary District 3141 organized a series of initiatives under its Avenue - Able to Ability. These were organized with supporting hands from several partner NGO's and several Rotary Clubs in the District and neighbouring Districts In MMR, with Rotary Club of Bombay Powai as the lead club.

The day commenced with a 'Laughter, Therapy & Yoga' session by Bhagwan Babul with the objective of finding happiness, well-being and love for each other despite difficulties and challenges for the benefit of 160 differently abled people who were accompanied by their parents, caregivers and Rotarians.

The afternoon session saw another engaging program conducted by Human Welfare Charitable Trust where more than 150 visually impaired people enthralled the viewers with their musical performance. On the occasion Rotary Club of Deonar donated 150 ration kits to the beneficiaries of the

Organise a series of events on the occasion of Disability Day



Making an impression with their musical renditions

Human Welfare Charitable Trust. An awareness creation program and panel discussion later focused on mental health challenges and Disability management during the pandemic times.

Rotary Club of Palghar supported the wedding of five disabled couples

her successful participation in National and International sports events.

A panel discussion involving seven NGOs deliberated on the work for disabled people and the challenges faced to support and help in sustaining it and the road map to expand the reach to serve more people by them.

The day-long program culminated with a dual District program where 'Able to Ability' of RI District 3141 and 'Enable the Differently Abled' of RI District 3232 Chennai came together on the same virtual platform for a common cause. The

same was attended virtually by 100 of key Rotary dignitaries from Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Chennai and USA.

Rtn. Rajendra Agarwal 3141 District Governor and 3232 District Governor Nominee Designate Rtn. N. S. Saravanan who led the initiatives latter felicitated four outstanding differently abled achievers for their achievements, grit, determination, resilience, tenac-

ity and winning spirit. These included para athlete Geeta Chouhan with 'Resilient Ability Award' for her dogged and gritty pursuit of the game of Basketball at international stage and prove that nothing is impossible if one so desires in ; Social activist Siddharth Sanjay Mhatre - with the 'Tenacity Award' for his relentless and tenacious resolve to make the streets and pavements differently able friendly; Priya Gada an award winning dancer with 'Exceptional Achievement Award' for her outstanding accomplishment in Global arena and also expressing her achiever's mindset and paraplegic wheelchair athlete Dhivya K also known as the Chennai Runner and Guinness World Record holder. She was recognized with 'Unfathomable Grit Award' for her exemplary action and contribution in turning 'able to ability'.

"The messages that we all got on this day was reinforcement that the differently abled are talented and have a latent potential which needs to be identified, groomed and supported for them to bloom," said Kharghar based Vivek Khandelwal, ex-President of Rotary Club of Satellite City Navi Mumbai.

Project Director 'Able to Ability' of Rotary Dist. 3141 Rtn. A.V.Suresh, Rotary Club of Deonar, added "Empower and enable differently-abled youth and adults through vocational training, employment or entrepreneurial opportunity is the need of the hour so that they too can lead a life with pride and dignity. The idea to organise this initiative was to inspire fellow citizens to join this movement and make their dreams come true."



Felicitating the special differently abled ones virtually

to help them lead a happy life. The Club also started a computer training program for the second batch of 25 hearing and speech impaired people as part of its vocational training initiatives for the differently abled at the SDSM College, Palghar.

Rotary Club of Ghatkopar West donated a specially designed wheelchair to para-athlete Ms Geeta Chouhan for

Nine meritorious women from various fields honoured at Vishnudas Bhave Natyagraha

By Siddhesh Waykar

Ashok Pushpa Prakashan awarded nine meritorious women in the field of drama, literature, ghazal, education, journalism and film on December 9, 2021, in Vashi.

Every year, on the occasion of Women's Day, nine meritorious women in the field are honoured with awards but last year it was put on hold due to COVID-19. Therefore, it was conducted on Thursday at Vishnudas Bhave

Natyagraha.

Playback singer Kirti Killedar, TV9 Marathi journalist

Cyber Training Motivational Speaker Reshma Salunkhe, BMC Chembur school prin-

by the first Mayor of Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation and former MP Dr. Sanjeev

great piece of entertainment from Maharashtra's Lavani Samrat Ashimik Kamthe,

ta's FDS students. This was Ashok Pushpa Prakashan's eleventh consecutive awards



Vrishali Patil, Athlete Kuhu Bhosale, Businesswoman Asma Sayyed, Social Worker Pari Mehta, Jyoti Patil,

Pratibha Dhole, Nutritionist Saili Bhosale were honoured with the awards. The awards were presented

Naik, well-known actor Kashyap Parulekar. Along with the awards, the audience had experienced a

Awaan Live Band, RDC's Max Kumar and Horizon Dance Academy's Megha Sonawane, Rahul Gup-

program which was organized by Anagha Lad and Umesh Chaudhary and hosted by Smita Gawankar.