



Pride, Jailaxmi Casting, Aurangabad Alloys Group: (Standing) Sanjay Bendsare, Chandrashekhar Tanpure, Shivkumar Surkutlavar, Avinash Chincholikar, Vijay Dongre, Aditya Vidhate, Prakash Matade, Hanumanprasad Bagdiya, Sham Agrawal, Bhagwat Kale, Navin Bagadiya, Nitin Bagadiya, Sanjay Agrawal, Saurabh Gupta, Pankaj Agrawal, Ajay Agrawal, Shardadevi Agrawal, Shradha Agrawal and Chetan Gupta. (Sitting) Yogesh Kasbe, Rameshwar Pawar, Raosaheb Raktate, Bhushan Kulkarni, Madhukar Rashinkar, Datta Waghmare, Vijay Zalte, Ravi Kuche, Nanasaheb Paithane, Dnyaneshwar Chaudhari, Harshal Joshi, Sanjay Shelke, Rakesh Bramhankar, Raju Singh and Dhananjay Singh.



Jain Engineers' Society: (From L) Asmita Pahade, Sapna Chudiwal, Priya Thole, Sanika Jain, Neeta Khandare, Vandana Patni, Saroj Mishrikotkar, Aarti Bohre, Rashmi Gandhi and Srushti Mishrikotkar.



National English School: (From L) Vaishali Jadhav, Vaishali Jaiswal, Shaikh Saba, Rashmi Pande, Supriya Shelke, Kalyani Jiwade, Jaishree Wankhede, Nitin Sonone.



Dhareshwar Education Society: (From L front row) Shobha Wathore, Anupama Patil, Rina Patil (director), Aryan Patil, Manisha Patil, Mamata Pawar, Pradip Tejanekar, Ashok Sapate, Gangadhar Janjal. (Back row) Dilip Gaikwad, Rajendra Solunke, Rahul Kharat, Narendra Sapkal, Eknath Dhomse and Santosh Jadhav.

Desirous participants can register their names for Lokmat Maha Marathon at Lokmat Bhavan, Regal Lawn, Jalna Road, Aurangabad from 11 am to 5 pm. School and college students and staff, employees of companies, and runners groups can also participate in the event. The organisers have appealed to the runners and citizens to participate in the run in large numbers.

For details contact 9921030700 or 0240-3021708. Online registration facility is also available. Interested runners can visit the website www.mahamarathon.com

Govt yet to decide on future policy of Marathi language

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The State Government has failed to take any decision on the draft submitted by Language Advisory Committee (Bhasha Sallagar Samiti) about policy of Marathi language in next 25 years.

We are waiting for Depts opinions
Aparna Gawande (deputy secretary, Languages Department): The Department will take decision on the draft soon. Chief secretary will call a secretary level meeting to seek opinions of other departments. After this, further process will commence.

We completed our work
Dr Sadanand More (president, Language Advisory Committee): The committee performed its duty of preparing draft and submitting it to Languages Department. The responsibility of accepting or rejecting the draft or what measures to be taken lies with the Department.

Chief secretary will call a meeting of principal and additional secretaries of 30 departments soon. However, it is not clear as to when meeting will be held. The Languages Department will take final decision on the draft after receiving opinions from all the departments. This indicates that it will take much time for the implementation of new policy. Persons from liter-

ary field feels that issue of giving classical language status to Marathi is pending with the Centre, at least State government under its power should clear policy of Marathi language. Earlier, the government had set up a committee led by Justice (ret'd) Narendra Chapalgaonkar in 2010 to suggest measures for the development of Marathi. The implementation of committee's measures too were delayed. Another committee led by Dr Nagmath Kottapalle was formed in 2014. The final draft of his committee too did not get approval. The committee led Dr More too submitted the draft to the Languages Department. Now it is waiting for government's approval.

Faulty rosters leave teachers in the lurch

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Finding the rosters made by the Zilla Parishad faulty, resulting in over 250 teachers from open category as surplus, the state government has issued an order to reverify the rosters recently. The rosters made by the Zilla Parishad at different times from the year 2002 till date, have done injustice with 599 teachers from the open category in the district. A roster made in 2002 had mistakenly shown 234 teachers from backward class community to be in the open category. Same thing happened in the roster made in the year 2010 where 125 teachers from backward community selected through the Common Entrance Test (CET) were shown to be in the open category and at the same time 41 teachers

from the backward community, who enjoyed benefit of age relaxation, were shown in open category. Same thing happened in the year 2014 March where 199 promoted headmasters from backward community were also shown in the open category. This has all resulted in injustice with the candidates of open category. The matter was brought to the notice by the Open Category Employees Association to chief executive officer (CEO) of zilla parishad, education officers concerned, divisional commissioners and principal secretary of rural development department. The government has issued order recently to verify the roster and prepare it again by constituting an independent committee consisting of Dy commissioner at divisional level, additional CEO of ZP, Dy CEO and social welfare officer of ZP.

Librarian thrashed for molesting college student

Aurangabad, Dec 4: A college girl was molested by a librarian in the Government Library situated near Sawarkar Chowk of Samarthnagar on Monday evening. A group of Shiv Sena activists gave him a sound bashing before handing him over to the police. The librarian has been identified as Shaikh Shafiq (40). According to the details, a B Sc II year student girl resides in Samarthnagar. She went to the library for getting a book and demanded it to Shafiq, who groped her and further misbehaved while handing her over the book. Unexpected move of the librarian shocked the girl and she moved 5-10 steps back, but the brazen librarian continued misbehave with her. She raised an alarm and in response many students came to her rescue. The news of the incident spread like a wildfire and a group of Shiv Sena workers headed by Chhotu Zirpe, Rajendra Janjal, Sagar Patil and others reached the spot and beat Shafiq up black and blue before handing him over to the Kranti Chowk police. A case has been registered in the police station.



Aurangabad district unit activists of the Rashtriya Charmakar Mahasangh, a body of the cobblers community members, held demonstrations in Kranti Chowk, Aurangabad on Monday to press for their various demands. --LT photo

4-day line block in Nanded-Mudkhed

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Owing to imposition of line block for the Level Crossing Gate work at Maltekadi Station yard in Nanded-Mudkhed section, two trains will be partially cancelled for four days on December 8 to 10 and 12, informed the South Central Railway on Monday. The train (no. 17409) Adilabad-Nanded Express train and the train (no.17410)Nanded-Adilaba Express train will remain partially cancelled between Nanded and Mudkhed stations during these days.

Farmers claim compensation from cotton seed Co.

Allege that the genetically modified cotton seed is not resistant to pink bollworm

Jalna, Dec 4: Jalna farmers in particular have demanded action against the cotton seed companies for falsely claiming that the genetically modified (Bollgard II Bt cotton) is resistant to pink bollworm. In Jalna district itself 2.78-lakh hectares cotton has been infested with the pink bollworm. According to Agriculture department about 8-lakh-hectare land of cotton is infested in the state. The companies

claimed that Bt cotton which was introduced in 2012 controls bollworm due to which the yield is protected and thereby it reduces the use of insecticides meant for bollworm. Recently, water supply minister Babanrao Lonikar hinted that the seeds companies would be dragged to the court for compensation as they are responsible for damaging the crops. The issue was also echoed in the general body meeting at Jalna zilla parishad on Saturday. The members demanded the government should lodge criminal complaints against the seed companies for cheating and duping the farmers.

The ZP members said nearly ninety per cent of cotton farms in Jalna were affected and they stated that the State Government should seek compensation for the losses farmers have incurred. District president of Sawabhimani Sanghatana, Sainath Chinadore said that the pink bollworm has added to their woes of already distressed farmers. District agriculture officer Dashrat District Agriculture officer, Dashrath Tambhal has cotton growers to report in prescribed forms of their damaged crops in respective tehsil and block agriculture officers. On

the basis of damaged crops the government would claim compensation from the seed companies. He demanded the Central Government should identify Bt cotton seed varieties which are prone to pink bollworm. Talking about the failure of the cotton variety, Mahyco Monstanto Biotech (India) said via email, said that resistance is a natural, evolutionary process and resistance management in insects and pests is the joint responsibility of all the stakeholders involved with cotton crop, farmers, seed companies.

Square, stn area named after Tipu Sultan in Jalna

Jalna, Dec 4: President of Jalna Municipal Council (JMC) Sangeeta Gorantyal unfurled the square, station area and named them after the great ruler Tipu Sultan, here recently. Speaking on the occasion, she said Tipu Sultan was a great champion of Hindu-Muslim amity. His contribution to agriculture modernization and rocket technology are laudable. His contributions are marvelous for the progress of the then Mysore state. She assured that the JMC would develop the square and carry out its beautification. Ex-MLA Kailash Gorantyal, JMC chief officer Santosh Khandekar social activist Noor Khan and others were present.



Jalna Municipal Council president Sangeeta Gorantyal inaugurated and named the square after Tipu Sultan, at Jalna on Monday. Also seen are ex-MLA Kailash Gorantyal, Nana Ugle, Javed Shaikh and Mohammad Qasim.

In his speech Ex-MLA Kailash Gorantyal regretted that some vested interests are trying to malign the image of the great

ruler. Social activist Noor Khan said Tipu Sultan fought against the British colonialism and was martyred.

He said his sacrifice is a rare event in the Indian history. Mohammad Qasim gave introductory speech and welcomed the guests.

Bike-borne youths hurt in accident

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Two motorcycle-borne youths sustained grave injuries when their bike collided head-on with a jeep near Nipani phata on Dhule-Solapur national highway, on Sunday at 10 pm. Police said that the jeep was coming towards Aurangabad, while the motorcyclists were on way to Beed. According to an eyewitness, the motorcyclist tried to overtake a vehicle. In this attempt, the motorcycle was hit by the jeep which was coming from the opposite direction. The rider Vishnu Baban Barde (26) and pillion rider

Sandeep Bisan Shinde (24, both residents of Bhalgaon) sustained severe injuries. The villagers called in the ambulance and admitted the victims to the government medical college and hospital. Acting on the information, the Chikalthana police team comprising Deepak Suroshe, Narayan Kaatkuri and Lahoo Thethe reached the spot. **Duo booked for assault** Two persons were booked on the charge of abusing and assaulting a man over an old enmity in Jaybhavaninagar at 2 pm on Sunday. They have been identified as Lakhan Thorat and Baburao Thorat.

According to the Mukundwadi police, Sunil Pralhad Ahire (36, Jaybhavaninagar) complained to the police station that he was on his way home when Lakhan and Baburao waylaid him and picked up a quarrel with him over and old enmity. They were later joined by Dinesh Thorat and his elder brother, who beat him up black and blue with a piece of wire and unidentified object, leaving injuries on his person including head and eye. He somehow managed to escape from their clutches and lodged a complaint against them. **₹67K stolen in burglary** Targeting a locked house

in ST Colony, culprits broke into it and made off with Rs 5,000 in cash and gold jewellery articles totally worth Rs 67,100 on November 24. According to the Mukundwadi police, Sanjeev Marotirao Shahane (42, Cidco N-2) complained to the police station that he along with his family members had gone to attend the marriage ceremony of one of his relatives at 10 am on November 24. He was shocked to find the house broke upon his return at 10 pm on the same day. The culprits had laid hands on gold jewellery and an expensive wrist watch and later fled. Based on it a case has been registered in the police station.