



Participants of the Nukkad The Eat Street Theme Cafe Cake Boutique who are going to participate in the Aurangabad Maha Marathon (from L) Priyanka Gade, Mahesh Rathod, Sanjay Jhod, Raju Jadhav, Pawan Jadhav, Raju Dhanraj, Vishal Deshmukh and Smita Kulkarni.



Participants of Aurangabad Pharma Runners who are going to participate in the Aurangabad Maha Marathon (from L) Ganesh Deshmukh, Pravin Bankar, Akshay Ghongde, Vivek Patil, Rahul Harkal, Bharat Kadam, Anil Navade, Jatin Chandarana, Charan Koli, Saurabh Nikam, Rameshwar Tathe, Gopal Raut and Arvind Salunkhe.



Participants of the Saffron Group who will participate in the Aurangabad Maha Marathon are (from L) Nitin Chudiwal, Rajan Khade, Suraj Malkumavat, Pradeep Bhalerao, Subhash Khandare, Prashant Chavan, Chetan Tawre, Bapu Gaikwad, Dharma Bongane, Hitesh Sugandhi, Anil Munot (partner Saffron group), Mahesh Labhshetwar (partner Saffron group), Rahul Patel, Mayur Patel, Deepak Patel, Yogesh Mote, Narendra Patel, Himmat Patel and Gaurav Kumar. Sitting (from left) Harish Waghmare, Shaikh Shahnawaz, Yadav Gajalwar and Darshik Patel.



Participants of the MGM Health Clubs Fitness Freaks group who are going to run the Aurangabad Maha Marathon (from L) Shital Salve, Ravi Motwani, Dr Sachin Deshmukh, Rajendra Maheshwari, Madhuri Patil, Monica Maheshwari, Rimpi Chabda, Indar Chabda, Dr Jagdish Loya, Nishant Ferwani, Ritesh Paraswani, Dr Vinod Totla, Manoj Ghodke, Chandrashekhar Patil and Ashutosh Holani.

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

SHORT TAKES

Rebuild Babri Masjid, demands MIM dist chief

Beed: District unit president of All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul Muslimeen (AIMIM) Shaikh Nizam demanded that the Babri Masjid be built again at the same spot. He submitted a memorandum to President of India through Beed collector on Wednesday. Shaikh Nizam also said that the provocative speeches should be stopped against the Muslims. After the demolition of Babri Masjid the then prime minister PV Narasimha Rao had assured the community that the Babri Masjid will be reconstructed but in vain. Rafique Nashad, Quayum Inamdar, Shaikh Zakiuddin and councillor Shaikh Amar were present while submitting a memorandum to the collector M.D Sinh.

Roadwork to be over by Jan 2018

Beed: The roadwork from Sathe Chowk to Malives Chowk under the city development scheme will be completed by January 31, 2018, said chief officer of Beed Municipal Council Dr. Dhananjay Javalikar. Talking to Lokmat Times, Dr. Javalikar said that in all 1200 metres long road will be completed in the first phase from Sathe Chowk to Malives road. All the encroachments of the roadside have been removed and here will be wide road, made of cement concrete, he said. Though the deadline for the completing road is February 28, 2018 but it will be completed by the contractor one month ago, said deputy engineer K.S. Deshmukh.

Rekha Baijal gets Jainendra Puraskar

Jalna: Noted writer Rekha Baijal will be honoured with the award Jainendra Kumar Jain Puraskar for her Hindi novel 'Maut se zindagi ki Or.' The award is instituted by Hindi Sahitya Academy, Maharashtra. The award will be presented to her at a function in Mumbai shortly. Baijal has penned 35 books in Marathi and Hindi. She was congratulated by well-wishers and the relatives.

4 suspended for hooch tragedy

Liquor served by Shiv Sena candidates in Pangarmal village had claimed nine lives and left 22 persons ill and three permanently blind

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After almost ten months of the incident, the government has suspended four senior officers, including the then civil surgeon of the district civil hospital, after the committee found them prima facie guilty in the Pangarmal hooch tragedy that had claimed the lives of nine persons. Civil surgeon Dr Pandurang Borute has confirmed of receiving the suspension orders on late Tuesday evening. The four officers facing suspension are former civil surgeon Dr S M Sonawane, the then ENT surgeon Dr P S Kambale, former administrative officer Dr Sanjay Rathod and current admin officer Dr Ramesh Mane. The committee inquiring into

the Pangarmal hooch tragedy found the civil surgeon guilty of dereliction of duty. ENT Dr Kambale was acting civil surgeon before Dr Sonawane. He and the then admin officer Dr Rathod were also held guilty of dereliction of duty. The action against Dr Mane has come for no improvement in the services of the hospital.

Hooch tragedy

It may be recalled that during February 2017 elections to the gram panchayat and panchayat samitis, liquor was served by Shiv Sena candidates in Pangarmal village. Over 22 persons had got severely ill after consumption of the liquor. The liquor had taken the lives of nine persons while three were rendered permanently blind. Investigations had led the police to Civil Hospital canteen, where liquor was manufactured and bottled. Over a dozen people were arrested in due course of the investigations. The case is still sub judice. The then Sena candidate for the ZP is still missing. Ironically, no action was taken against the civil hospital staff and the officers in Khaki who were alleged to have been working with the

Mismanagement Meanwhile, the civil hospital is in focus for its highly poor services and the uncleanliness. On late Monday evening, state health minister Dr Dipak Sawant paid a surprise visit to the hospital. He was left stunned with the mismanagement of the hospital and called deputy health director to visit the hospital and submit a report. Accordingly, deputy health director Dr Vijay Kandhewad visited the hospital on early Tuesday morning. The visits by the minister and the director sped up the cleaning operations and the doctors remained present during duty hours.

Liquor racket. The Topkhana police is located just 50 meters away from the canteen where the killer liquor was bottled. Meanwhile, social activists have demanded initiation of criminal proceedings not only against the hospital staff but also against the policemen who were alleged to have received money for protecting the racket.

HC STAYS AUCTION OF KEL PROPERTY

Ahmednagar, Dec 6: The Bombay High Court has stayed the auction of the property of Kinetic Engineering Ltd (KEL), which owes over Rs 3.3 crore as tax to the Ahmednagar Municipal Corporation (AMC). After failure to have any bidders for the auction of the factory by the AMC, the high court has also stayed the process of transfer of rights of the property to the AMC. KEL owes over Rs 3.3 crore to the AMC as tax. Before Diwali, the AMC had seized the property. The company, once famous for manufacturing Kinetic mopeds, had approached the district court against the AMC action. However, the court had upheld the action of the AMC. Accordingly, the AMC had floated tenders for the sale of company property. However, no bids were received till the last day (December 5), of the proposed auction. The AMC then initiated action to transfer the rights of the property in its own name. However, in the meantime, the company had approached the high court filing a plea against the corporation action. The plea was heard on Tuesday and the HC ordered stay on the recovery of outstanding tax and the company sought one month time to submit its say. The court ordered to submit the say by December 19 and stayed the auction. The court, however, upheld the sealing of the company till disposal of the plea.



As part of 'Ek kadam swachhata ki or' campaign, villagers participate in cleanliness drive, at Vaijapur on Wednesday.

Cleanliness campaign gets good response

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VAIJAPUR, DEC 6

'Ek Kadam Swachhata ki oar' an ambitious program launched by the Central Government to enlighten the people on the importance of the cleanliness has evoked good response. Number of people including women are voluntarily participating in the campaign and they have started segregating of the wet and dry litter and putting it into the ghantagadi of the municipal council that moves in all the parts of the town to collect the garbage. Social worker and retired officer of the municipal council Dhondiramsinh Rajput on Wednesday was dressed like Sant Gadgebaba, the pioneer of the cleanliness campaign. Ram Uchit, Pandharinath Pote, Santosh Tribhuvan, Shyam Alhat, Meena Rajput, Sarika Raut, Pramod Nikale we're present on the occasion. The people were asked to register their complaint about the uncleanliness in the town through the Swachhata App launched by the government.

Intl workshop on wheat to combat global warming

Nanded, Dec 6: The Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University in collaboration with the Washington State University, will organise a two-day International Seminar on December 10 and 11 on the topic of 'breeding new wheat varieties sustaining the increasing global warming.' It is expected to be attended by over 300 delegates. The global warming has drastically affected production and quality of wheat all over the world, increasing concern among the scientists. Scientists are conducting research to breed new varieties of wheat which could sustain the Global Warming effect. This will help provide food to the increasing population. This is the first of its project being held by the SRTMU with incurring an expenditure of Rs 52 crore. The USA has shared Rs 31 crore and the remaining Rs

SRTMU, US varsity to organise 2-day prog

21 crore will be shared by the University Grants Commission. A memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by the SRTMU with the Washington State University in the US, Kansas State University, Punjab Agricultural University (Ludhiana), GB Pant University (Pantnagar), Dr. Rajendra Krishi Vidyapeeth (Samastipur), Chaudhary Charan Singh University (Meerut), Jawaharlal Nehru Agricultural University (Jabalpur) and Methahexis Pvt. and J.K. Hebride Pvt six months ago. According to the agreement, these universities and companies will come together for research to prepare wheat varieties which can withstand the increasing temperature.

28 mills start sugarcane crushing in Nanded zone

Nanded, Dec 6: Out of 32 sugar factories in the Nanded zone, the crushing session has started in 28 mills and 21.25 lakh tonnes of sugarcane has been crushed since May. The Nanded zone consists of five districts including Nanded, Latur, Hingoli, Parbhani and Osmanabad. Out of the five sugar factories in Nanded district, 3 have started its crushing session with Bhaurao Chavan Cooperative Sugar Factory crushing highest quantity of sugarcane i.e.1.1 lakh metric tonnes. In its unit number 4 crushing of 86760 metric tonne of sugarcane has been completed while Jai Ambika Sugar Factory at Kuntur has crushed 24220 metric tonnes. The Western Maharashtra used to pay Rs 3,000 per metric tonne for sugarcane procurement but its price yet has not been decided in the district. The factory administration say that it will be set as per the recovery. Bhaurao Chavan Cooperative sugar factory has paid Rs 2,238 in advance to every sugarcane grower. In Hingoli district all the four sugar factories have started crushing seasons. In Parbhani district, out of 5, four have ignited their boilers. In Osmanabad district two cooperative and 8 private sugar factories have started crushing and in Latur district out of 8 factories, 7 have started crushing. Sugarcane producers are facing hardship due to dearth of labourers for cane harvesting, however, some of them are managing it by using machines. If harvesting takes long time, sugarcane will attract less price in the factories.

14 taken ill after eating castor seeds

All students under treatment in Jalna

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JALNA, DEC 6

Fourteen students of zilla parishad school in Bathanbu village in Jalna tehsil were admitted to the District Government Hospital, Jalna after consuming castor seeds on Wednesday. According to sources, the students in the age group of 8-10 years mistook castor seeds for peanuts and almonds and ate them. Soon after eating they complained of dizziness and started vomiting. Twelve boys and 2 girls ate castor seeds from the nearby trees. The teachers of the school found that the children had eaten castor seeds.



Children under treatment at the District Government Hospital, Jalna. --LT photo by Saber Khan.

On getting the news, parents rushed to the school and with help of teachers, they admitted the children to the hospital. Later minister of state for dairy development and textile Arjun Khotkar visited the hospital and inquired the condition of the children. The civil surgeon, Dr. M.K Rathod and a team of doctors team were treating the children. The condition of the children is stable. The minister directed the doctors to provide immediate medical assistance.