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## Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar's Jayanti celebrated in city

By Chandrashekhar Hendve  
NAVI MUMBAI:

“Water, gutter, meter and other municipal facilities in Navi Mumbai are of top class quality, thanks to the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation. NMMC not only does the work of providing excellent facilities to city residents but also shows the right directions to people belonging to every caste. The memorial of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar which is coming up at Airoli will be the best attraction in the city of Navi Mumbai,” said Navi Mumbai Mayor Jaywant Sutar, while paying homage to Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar during his 127<sup>th</sup> Jayanti. The event took place at Airoli in the auditorium of Dr Ambedkar's Memorial.

Also present during this occasion were MLA Sandeep Naik, MLA Manda Mhatre, deputy mayor Mandakini Mhatre, municipal commissioner Dr Ramaswami N, standing committee chairperson Shubhangi Patil, leader of the house Ravindra Ithape and others, Scheduled



Caste Commission's president C L Thrul,

Chatrapati Shahu Maharaj Sikshan

Sanstha Buldana Principal Dr Vijayaxmi Wankhede, the organizer of the event and social welfare and hutment improvement committee chairperson Anita Manavatkar, ward committee president Sonawane, Shashikala Patil, additional commissioner Ankush Chavan, deputy commissioner

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## Homage paid to Martyrs to mark Fire Service Day



By Chandrashekhar Hendve  
VASHI: Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation Fire and safety officials observed National Fire Service Day on Saturday. As part of this hom-

age was paid to those fire fighters who sacrificed their lives while discharging their duties. A week-long fire and safety week is organised from 14 to 20 April

by the NMMC Fire Department to mark this day.

Speaking on the occasion Mayor Jaywant

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## PCMC seeks info about BJP Corporator from CIDCO and charity commissioner office

By Tutu  
NAVI MUMBAI: The PCMC has sought information from the CIDCO (over providing land) and charity commissioner office (on registration of a hawkers' organisation) over alleged illegal construction by BJP corporator Nilesh Baviskar. The PCMC water supply committee president is

alleged illegal market with power supply without obtaining any permission from PCMC, Cidco and MIDC.

BSKP leader Ajit Adsule demanded that PCMC should investigate this and cancel his corporatorship. He also alleged that membership fee, fine etc have been collected from var-



facing disqualification after two Kharghar residents cum political opponents have applied for action against him. He is accused of illegal construction opposite Spaghetti gate in Sec 15 Kharghar.

Shri Durgamata Pheriwala Sanstha is headed by Nilesh Baviskar. A CIDCO plot near Spaghetti is illegally encroached upon to allow hawkers to do business. Kharghar resident cum Shiv Sena leader Prakash Gaikwad and BSKP leader Ajit Adsule have sent their complaint demanding disqualification of the BJP corporator.

Sena leader Prakash Gaikwad had

ious businessmen.

PCMC assistant commissioner Ganesh Salve said, “Information like registration of the organisation, role of Nilesh Baviskar etc from charity commissioner office in Alibaug has been sought. CIDCO has been requested to provide details like allowing plot for use by hawkers, construction etc. Their reply is awaited.”

Nilesh Baviskar said, “The association is registered and audit reports are filed. The hawkers constructed the structures on CIDCO land to save themselves from the rain. They have given written confirmation.”

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## Musical Extravaganza for Tamil New Year

Navi Mumbai Tamil Sangam is hosting a musical event to celebrate Tamil New Year celebrations. Singer U.K. Murali will render musical melodies at 10.30 am on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Vishnudas Bhave Auditorium

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## Ambedkar Bhawan illuminated



**By Chandrashekhhar Hendve**

**AIROLI:** Hundreds of followers of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the architect of Indian Constitution gathered to pay homage on his 127th Birth Anniversary

at NMMC build Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhawan at sector 15 Airoli. This is the first anniversary celebration at the venue. The people were amazed to see the beautifully decorative

lights on the newly build Bhawan put up from 13 April and will be kept till 15 April 2018. The decorative light stole the hearts of the local residents and the people passing by.

### Homage paid...

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Sutar said, "The Navi Mumbai Fire and Safety department is doing great work in the city. However, the residents must also stay alert individually and organizationally with respect to the fire safety measures. As part of the week-long celebration Fire officials must spread awareness on fire safety by organising Mock Drill and awareness campaigns."

The event was graced by the presence of Deputy Mayor Mandakini Mhatre, Commissioner Dr Ramaswamy N, Standing Committee Chairman Subhangi Patil, Leader of the House Ravindra Ithape, Water Distribution and Sewerage Committee Chairman Anjali Walunj, Social welfare Committee Chairman Anita Manvatkar, Corpora-



tors Avinash Lad, Additional Commissioner Ankush Chavhan, Fire Brigade Officers G T Patil, Bohrade, Koli, Ex Fire Officer RT Mhatre and Gharat.

## Candle-light March by Congress over Kathua and Unnao rape cases



**By Chandrashekhhar Hendve**

**VASHI:** The Navi Mumbai Congress organised candle-light march to register protest against inaction of the Modi government in the rape cases and to stand in solidarity with the victims Eight year old minor girl of Kathua, Jammu and 17 years old girl from Unnao, Uttar Pradesh and their families. Hundreds of residents and party workers participated in the march organised at Vashi railway Station vicinity. The protest was organised in presence of Congress Maharashtra State Secretary Santosh Shetty, Navi Mumbai INTUC District President Ravindra Sawant, Deputy Mayor Mandakini Mhatre and other eminent people.

## Snake's Life Saved



**By Chandrashekhhar Hendve**

**NERUL:** At around 10 am a snake entered a house in Anmol Heera Society, sector 28, Nerul, and this spread a message of threat amongst the resident. However, snake lover Deepak Jadhav reached the spot and with the help of Prasad Bamre rescued the snake. They handed over the rescued snake to the NMMC Fire Brigade Officer Bohrade

## Homage paid to Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar by NMMC



**By Chandrashekhhar Hendve**

**CBD BELAPUR:** On behalf of Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation homage was paid to Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, the architecture of Indian Constitution to mark his 127<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary at NMMC

Headquarter Amphitheater, Belapur by Mayor Jaywant Sutar in presence of Deputy Mayor Mandakini Mhatre, Commissioner Dr Ramaswamy N, Standing Committee Chairman Subhangi Patil, Leader of the House

Ravindra Ithape, D-Ward Committee Chairman Sangeeta Borhade, Social welfare Committee Chairman Anita Manvatkar, Corporators Avinash Lad, Namdeo Bhagat, Nivruti Jagtap, Sunil Patil, Girish Mhatre,

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## Sports equipment gifted to Municipal School in Vashi, as part of CSR

By Chandrashekhar Hendve

**NAVI MUMBAI:** As part of CSR, Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Western Region Office has donated sports equipment like Table Tennis Tables and Carrom boards and their accessories to the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation School no.28 in sector 15/16, Vashi, Navi Mumbai, on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at a handing over function in the school premises.

DGM (A&W), WR Shri S.R. Kulkarni was the chief guest and he presided over the function. On behalf of Indian Oil, he handed over the equipments to the principal of the school Shri Nand Kumar Patil. The func-



tion was graced by the Corporator of ward no.62, Vashi, Navi Mumbai, Mrs. Anjali Walunj, DGM (Plant), LBP Vashi Sh. R.K. Verma was the guest of Honour.

The Corporator, Mrs. Anjali Walunj appreciated Indian Oil for the gesture. She thanked Indian Oil and expressed hope that the children of the municipality school will make the best use of the facilities provided by IOCL and persevere to become champions in the sports. She also requested IOCL to share its vast pool of expert Sports persons to visit the school and guide the children from time to time.

## Sanpada Sector 9 Gurudwara Swings Into Action On Baisakhi Day

*Wishing The Readers A Happy Baishakhi, Pana Sankranti, Vishu, Varushapirapu, Poila Baisaikh And Baba Saheb Ambedkar Janamdin*

By CK Subramaniam

**SANPADA:** Baisakhi, also known as Vaishakhi, or Vasakhi is a historical and religious festival in Sikhism. It is celebrated on 13 or 14 April every year as per the Nanakshahi calendar and the Mool Nanakshahi Calendar. The festival of Baisakhi marks the harvest of Rabi crop and farmers offer thanksgiving for a good harvest and prosperity. For the Sikh community, Baisakhi has a lot of religious significance as it was on this day in 1699 that the 10th Guru of the Sikhs, Guru Gobind Singh, laid down the foundation of the Panth Khalsa, the Order of the Pure Ones. This also marks the New Year for the Sikhs.

Baisakhi is an an-

cient harvest festival celebrated in the Punjab region by all Punjabis regardless of their religion. For people of Punjab, especially the Sikhs, Baisakhi is a very significant day. Baisakhi is also celebrated as Sikh New Year based on Hindu Solar calendar. Baisakhi Festival falls on the 1st day in the month of Vaisakh (April-May) according to Nanakshahi or Sikh Calendar. For this reason, Baisakhi is also known as Vaisakhi. According to English calendar, the date of Baisakhi corresponds to April 13 every year and April 14 once in every 36 years. This difference in Baisakhi dates is because of the fact that the day of Baisakhi is reckoned according to solar cal-

endar and not the lunar calendar. The auspicious date of Baisakhi is celebrated all over



India under different names and different set of rituals and celebrations. Baisakhi date coincides with 'Rongali Bihu' in Assam, 'Naba Barsha' in Bengal, Puthandu in Tamil

Nadu and 'Pooram Vishu' in Kerala. For the Sikh community, Vaisakhi is not only a

Singh, the tenth and last Sikh Guru, established the Khalsa. He eliminated the difference between higher and lower caste communities and declared that all human beings are equal. Later the

harvest festival but also a religious festival. Sikhs celebrate Baisakhi as the day of the formation of the Khalsa (the pure one).

On Vaisakhi day, in 1699, Guru Gobind

Singh, the tenth and last Sikh Guru, established the Khalsa. He eliminated the difference between higher and lower caste communities and declared that all human beings are equal. Later the

Guru tradition in Sikhism was put to an end and Guru Granth Sahib was declared as eternal guide and Holy Book of Sikhism. Baisakhi is also spelled as Visakhi, Vaishakhi and Vaisakhi.

## Attempt being made to identify the body of dead woman

The dead body of the woman which was found in the nallah in front of Siemens Company along Thane Belapur Road at Airoli has not yet been identified. Hence the police are finding it difficult to find her killer. Rabale MIDC police have declared a prize for those persons who will help to identify the dead woman. The informer's name will be kept anonymous. The dead woman has a tattoo of flower on the right hand and with the help of this tattoo, the police are trying to identify the dead woman. (By Crime Reporter)





# Prabhu's goal against CBI ensures PIFA a happy season end outing: MDFA Elite Division



Navi Mumbai based u-17 national level footballer Nikhil Prabhu (2nd from Right) scored the match winner for PIFA Colaba against CBI in their final MDFA Elite

**By Ashok Dhamija**  
**NAVI MUMBAI:** City based Ryan International School, Sanpda energetic national level under-17 footballer Nikhil Prabhu solitary goal against Central Bank of India (CBI) ensured PIFA Colaba a hard fought 1-0 win in their final MDFA Elite Division league match at the Cooperage Stadium, Churchgate. The PIFA young side coached by Faruk Ahmed, under the leadership of Sushil Kalwe, after indifferent start in the ongoing season, in the process ended the campaign on a high note, as they picked up crucial three points in the last phase of the league, to finish seventh in the table, with only their third win in the tourney in 11 outings. On the other end, CBI finished their

season third from bottom after a series of unacceptable losses over the course of the season. The Bankers were able to win only two games in the league phase, scoring just six times, the lowest in the league. Earlier in the tie after a steady start by both the sides in their final league match, PIFA took control of the proceedings as they displayed tenacity and hunger to put one in the back of the net. Strikers Aditya Dalvi and Kamran Ansari combined pretty well throughout the game but it was the young right back Nikhil Prabhu who played for the Maharashtra Senior team in the AIFF 72nd National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy at Ahmedabad early this year, who found the

back of the net with a sublime effort before half time. Latter the Colaba outfit defended their solitary lead, well with man-marking and better game reading in particular by the their backline, which included the hard working tall lanky Prabhu who earlier in his career had the SGFI under 16 Maharashtra team at Karimnagar. PIFA custodian Prtiam S Jadhav once again rose to the occasion as against a side that was hampered by poor finishing throughout the season with poise and confident as was the case against defending champions Air India in the previous outing to maintain a clean sheet. **Result:** PIFA Colaba 1 (Nikhil Prabhu) beat Central Bank of India 0. (HT 1-0).

# ONGC down spirited Union Bank of India



ONGC players celebrates their hard fought win against Union Bank of India

**By Ashok Dhamija**  
**PANVEL:** Former champions ONGC were made to work hard for their 2-0 win by a determined Union Bank of India in an Elite Division match of the MDFA Leagues 2017-18 and played at the Cooperage ground. The Bankers played well and showed great fighting spirit as they

managed to keep the Panvel based ONGC strikers in check and went into the break with the scores deadlocked at 0-0. However, after resumption ONGC managed to break the Union Bank resistance when Harkirat Singh scored in the 58th minute to finally open the scoring.

ONGC doubled their lead with Enock Annan scoring the second in the 82nd minute to seal their win and the full three points and in second position behind defending champions Air India. **Results (Elite Div):** ONGC 2 (Harkirat Singh, Enock Annan) beat Union Bank of India 0.

# Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar's Jayanti....

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Trupti Sandbhor, Sidram Ovhal, Ankush Sonawane and others. On this occasion, 55 deserving persons

were presented with scholarship of Rs 51000 to pursue various educational, art and sports activities. MLA Sandip

Naik and MLA Manda Mhatre addressed the gathering and spoke about the greatness of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar.

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## EDITORIAL

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### Ensure road safety

How to prevent road accidents? First both the urban and rural roads need to be repaired. There is a need to bring sanity to the roads of the fast-motorising country. India as a whole is inured to the ghastly toll every year. The Supreme Court has come up with several specific and time-bound directions. But the response of the Centre and the States has been far from responsible.

We have a shameful national record of about 150,000 dead and several hundred thousand injured annually. There should be mandatory public hearings every month for citizens to record road risk complaints. Forming the much-delayed National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board, with a provision for State governments to participate, has to be a top priority. Without expert help, executive agencies such as the Police and Public Works Departments are unable to conduct a technical investigation into an accident. Only a scientific system can stop the routine criminalising of all accidents.

There is a need of sophisticated investigative machinery. For accident victims, there is also the heavy burden of out-of-pocket expenditure on medical treatment. The government had promised to address this issue through a cashless facility, but it has not been able to do so. Road safety depends on enforcement of rules with zero tolerance to violations, and making officials accountable for safety.

Road safety has been often neglected by successive ruling parties. The allocation of funds as well as monitoring of road construction works have been very tardy. Hence, it is not very surprising that road accident is almost a daily routine. There is a need for stringent monitoring of the project.

Much more than implementing road safety rules, there is need to perfect the mentality of the people with regards to road safety, both while either crossing it or driving through it. People on the whole, take everything for granted, even their own lives while crossing a road, dismissing the traffic condition at that particular moment, thereby leading to a possibility of road accidents. Even while crossing a road, the basic rule of looking left, right and then again left before moving ahead is forgotten because people are too lazy to do that or they are busy talking on the phone. Now coming to the driving part, everybody seems in a hurry and this again leads to a high possibility of road incident. Drivers even talk on the phone while driving. Well, the accidents cannot be reduced to zero but can be minimized to a great extent if people are made aware.

Potholes on the roads are one of the causes of many accidents, especially during rainy season. One must appreciate the fact that the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) is importing ingredients of pothole-filling mixture from Germany this year in an attempt to be monsoon-ready. They had used a new additive that was brought in from Israel last year. However, this year, they intend to get the additive from Germany, which will be developed in their Worli plant and used on the roads here. The additive powers were found to be strong enough to sustain during the monsoon.

The BMC has been under fire for being unable to handle the potholes on roads during the rains. It is corruption and not technology that is responsible for bad roads. If the roads are repaired well, then the BMC won't get crores of rupees in contracts for filling up potholes during the rains. There is a clear nexus between contractors, politicians and the BMC, and all are happy with the arrangement.

## Mumbai Indians upstaged by Delhi Daredevils in a last ball thriller

### Opener Jason slams unbeaten 91 on a winning note

By Ashok Dhamija

MUMBAI: Hosts Mumbai Indians suffered their third narrow loss in as many games after then went down fighting to Delhi Daredevils in a last-ball thriller of the Indian Premier League played at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on Saturday. Opener Jason Roy took on the listless Mumbai Indians bowling attack as he hammered six fours and as many six in his 53-ball knock while chasing a mammoth total of 194/7 to ensure Delhi their first win of the season with seven wickets to spare.

Needing 11 in the final over, Englishman Roy made of the largesse of young Bangladeshi pacer Mustafizur Rahman who had dropped him twice in the penultimate over bowled by his senior Jasprit Bumrah at short third man, before smashing him for four and a six in the first two balls of the final over to level the score. Rahman did well to beat Roy in the next three balls. Needing one-run off the final ball Roy connected it and completed the run to ensure that his side won, with local boy Shreyas Iyer (27 not out) at the other end. The foundation for the run chase was laid by Roy and skipper Gautam Gambhir (15) conjured up a 50-run stand for the first wicket in five overs, before the latter was caught by his opposite number off Rahman. One down Rishabh Pant (47 off 25 balls), played his role to perfection before Kieron Pollard brought MI back into the game with a



Delhi Daredevils opener Jason Roy smashed an unbeaten 91 inclusive of six sixes and as many boundaries in his team's seven wicket win over Mumbai Indians

stunning diving catch at long-off as Pant with the visitors at 119/2. Glenn Maxwell's (13) stay at the crease was cut short with Hardik taking a stunning catch off left arm spinner Krunal Pandya in his very first over (12th of the innings). Krunal struck again to sent back the dangerous Glenn Maxwell's (13) after his younger brother Hardik took a stunning catch at deep Extra Cover running in from Long off in the 14th over with the score board reading 135 for 3. Iyer and Roy ensured that there was no further damage and finally took their side home.

Earlier, Mumbai Indians put in bat first made the most of the opportunity with local by Suryakumar Yadav (53 off 32 balls) leading the way with a whirlwind fifty in the compa-

ny of West Indian opener Evin Lewis (48 off 28 balls), as the duo gave the men in blue a flying start with a 102-run stand by the 9th over. Lewis wicket but the young wicketkeeper batsman Ishan Kishan who slammed a whirlwind 44 off 23 balls (4x4s, 4x6s) before exuberance got the better of him and played on to pacer Dan Christian while attempting a reverse hit in the 16th over with 166 on the board. MI latter order batsmen failed to sustain the tempo and the total fell well below what the openers had promised. (Photo by Author).

**Brief Scores:** Mumbai Indians 194/7 (Suryakumar Yadav 53, Evin Lewis 48, Daniel Christian 2/35) lost to Delhi Daredevils 195/3 (Jason Roy 91\*, Rishabh Pant 47, Shreyas Iyer 27\*, Krunal Pandya 2/21) by seven wickets.

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## Plastic ban stays but citizens can't be penalised

In a major setback to lakhs of plastic manufacturers, the Bombay High Court refused to stay the ban imposed by the Maharashtra government on use or sale of one time use plastic products. This is a welcome move as the government is trying hard to get rid of plastic in an effort to reduce drainage blocks during the monsoon season and by preventing plastic at every level, we can pave way for easy flow of water and thus giving reprieve instead of endangering the lives of people during heavy rains and water logging in streets. The HC, however battled for the citizens and accordingly directed the government to ensure no action is taken against citizen and there is no need of subjecting them to criminal prosecution if found in possession of banned plastic item. The position is so typical now.

On one hand, the government is faced with a serious issue of creation of nearly 1200 tonnes of plastic waste generated daily in the State and on the other hand, the government has to consider the impact of its decision on the manufacturers. Plastic manufacturers are in a total fix and the people are confused about the usage of plastic in public.

- Jayanthi S. Maniam, Sion East

## My Favorite Leader - Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar - the Man with a great vision

The architect of Constitution, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar on his 127th birth anniversary was observed in a big way by the Government and thousands of followers from all over the state will converge at his memorial 'Chaityabhoomi'. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, popularly known as Babasaheb, was an Indian jurist, economist, pol-

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itician and social reformer who inspired the Modern Buddhist Movement and campaigned against social discrimination of Dalits, women and labour. Ambedkar was a prolific student, earning a law degree and various doctorates from Columbia University and the London School of Economics, and gained a reputation as a scholar for his research in law, economics and political science.

In his early career he was an economist, professor, and lawyer. His later life was marked by his political activities, where he became involved in the negotiations for India's independence campaigning by publishing journals advocating political rights and social freedom for the Indian citizens. In 1956 he was converted to Buddhism, initiating mass conversions of Dalits. In 1990, Ambedkar was posthumously conferred with the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award. Ambedkar's legacy includes numerous memorials and depictions in popular culture. Dr. Ambedkar was given the responsibility of drafting India's Constitution, which he did in a time bound manner and to the satisfaction of everyone. His birthday is celebrated all over India and that is a great tribute for him.

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manner and to the satisfaction of everyone. He was the 14th child of his family and born on 14th April 1891.

He was an able leader leading from the front throughout his life, fought for the rights of the Dalts and other socially backward classes. An iconoclastic social reformer who being an untouchable fought against untouchability and brought social justice reforms in the society. The social reform movement of the caste Hindus could not win him to its side because of his existential understanding of the pangs of untouchability. In 1936, Ambedkar established the Independent Labour Party. In the 1937 elections to the Central Legislative Assembly his party won 15 seats. Ambedkar administered the transformation of his political party into the All India Scheduled Castes Federation, although it performed poorly in the elections held in 1946 for the Constituent Assembly of India.

He understood that adapting a democratic system in the Constitution would not suffice. Social parity among society, equality before law and administration, constitutional morality, lack of totalitarianism of the majority and evolving public morality are conditions for the success of democracy in India. The foremost condition is equality in society as equality is the foundation stone where the notions of liberty and fraternity develop. He remarked that equality is the original notion and respect for human personality is a reflection of it. If equality is denied, everything else may be taken to be denied.

The Constitution gives the Fundamental Rights given to every citizen. The idea behind them is to ensure certain basic rights to the citizens, so that they are not at the mercy of the shifting opinions of the legislators. He carved a unique and impregnable pride of place and honour in the history of the free Indian nation. So long as the Indian Constitution survives, the name of Babasaheb Ambedkar will remain immortal. He lives forever in the hearts of every downtrodden. He deserves all the accolades and his 127th birthday should show the way for national integration and freedom of spirit among all.

- C. K. Subramaniam, Sanpada

## E-way traffic hit for over two hours

*With over 2 km long vehicular queue*

By Tutu

NAVI MUMBAI:

The ghat section of the Pune carriage way of Mumbai Pune expressway was noticed with over two hour jam 8 am on Saturday. The IRB has started loose scaling work followed by golden hour clogging the E-way. Also due to heavy turnout of vehicles the Pune corridor was clogged.

The state highway traffic Borghat

unit sub inspector Suryakant Pharate said, "Without obtaining permission the IRB had started the loose scaling work in two places. One lane of the E-way was closed. This started with traffic jam."

Pharate added, "Subsequently the golden hour was enforced. Following the heavy turnout of vehicles the Pune bound corridor was having over 2km long traffic jam.

The jam was witnessed between Dattawadi and Borghat traffic unit."

The IRB also commenced work at the Khandala point and the Battery point. The third lanes of both the corridors were closed resulting to traffic snarls. "The IRB was instructed to stop work immediately upon learning about the loose scaling work. Finally the traffic was smooth," added Pharate.





## DYPU SHTS organises Overseas Education Trip to France

By Ashok Dhamija

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” was rightly said by Nelson Mandela. This change can be further brought by understanding the different cultures of different states and countries. Dr. Vijay D Patil (President) D Y Patil University, Navi Mumbai says, “Educational tours are very important as it helps the students to learn through visual experience and can be an interesting way to explore new things”. Since the goal of education is to impart knowledge to the students, they gain knowledge to upgrade their skills by using new concepts they learn from educational tours.

The vision of Dr. Vijay D Patil is to set a high standard practice so that the status of the industry may be raised and to maintain liaison between teachers and students so that each student is given a full chance for development and growth. Taking his vision ahead Dr. Iftekhar Shaikh, (Professor of French language) took this initiative to arrange an International Educational tour to France and Belgium. The students learn French language for 3 years and French is equally important to learn for the Hospitality & Tourism students. Professor Iftekhar Shaikh came up with the concept of something that is seen in real can be easily perceived than something that we simply read in books. So along with a group of 30 aspiring students he conducted a comprehensive tour to Belgium and France where students were first taken to Paris, France’s capital, a major European city and a global center for art, fashion, gastronomy and culture. Its 19th-century cityscape, crisscrossed by wide boulevards and the River Seine. Beyond such land-



marks as the Eiffel Tower and the 12th-century, Gothic Notre-Dame cathedral, Le historic Louvre museum which houses the famous painting of Mona Lisa, the Versailles Palace, with a coach ride through the city to see the most famous landmarks like Alexander Bridge, Arc de Triomphe, Concorde Square, Opera House, Invalides, Champs Elysees and much more of different historic site

The highlight of their Industrial Visit was “LE CORDON BLEU”. For more than a century, Le Cordon Bleu has enabled aspiring culinary professionals to turn their ambitions into reality with a wide range of culinary arts, wine, management, and hospitality programmes. D Y Patil University, School of Hospitality and Tourism Studies got the privilege to be the first college from India to be invited by this prestigious institute where their Head Chef enlightened the students with a 3 hour practical cooking session and students were also given the certificate of participation.

The students had the opportunity to explore the nuances of Culinary and Hospitality Industry in the world’s well known hub

of their field. Apart from their hotel visits where they were exposed to understand how kitchen operates during busy hours with state of art kitchen. They were then taken to a Bakery where students could learn about the production of typical French breads, such as the classic baguette, and authentic croissants. Following that they experienced the Vineyard life where they went for a tour of the winery followed by a wine tasting session and then a full day at Disneyland added spice to the trip.

Also they visited Cheese factory in Normandy where they were taken for a tour from Cheese preparation to packaging and sales. The Itinerary was then followed by a visit to CONCEPT chocolate factory in Brussels, Belgium. The entire trip was thoroughly enjoyed by the students and are now back with proud memories of their First International Industrial Visit.

Dr. Vijay D Patil, President D Y Patil University, Navi Mumbai says, “National and International tours motivate the learners to have interest in learning. The basic reason for educating students is to let know more and

dig deep into many concepts and explore them.



This cannot be fulfilled only with the help of books and classroom learning. To explore deeply, students require more awareness and knowledge which can happen only through educational tours.”

“Tours create curiosity in the minds of the learners. It also motivates the learners to have interest in learning,” added Mrs. Shivani Vijay Patil (First Lady of D Y Patil University.)

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