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Prashant Thakur begins his duty as CIDCO's Chairman

By Chandrashekhar Hendve

NAVI MUMBAI: "CIDCO has always been giving importance to public work. I will carry on the same tradition and thus help the residents of Navi Mumbai to tackle their various problems. I will try my best to solve the various problems faced by project affected persons," said CIDCO's newly appointed Chairman Prashant Thakur on Tuesday 4 September 2018 at CIDCO Bhavan before occupying the chair of the chairman.

Present during this occasion were district guardian minister Ravindra Chavan, MLA Manda Mhatre, MLA Subhash Bhoir, Panvel Municipal Corporation's mayor Kavita Choutmol, Uran's municipal president Sayali Mhatre,



former MP Ramsheth Thakur, JNPT trustee Mahesh Baldi, social worker Mahendra Gharat, BJP's Navi Mumbai district president Ramchandra Gharat and others.

CIDCO's Vice Chairman and Managing Director Lokesh Chandra offered a bouquet to Chairman Prashant

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Families of martyrs and ex-servicemen felicitated in a special event at Juinagar

By Chandrashekhar Hendve

NAVI MUMBAI: The Indian Military Force is not being provided the facilities they deserve to get. To protect the rights of this group, Manav Sena Sanstha and Vijay Nahata Four

made to feel as if it was Independence Day or Republic Day. Among the martyrs who gave up their lives in 1987, there was one martyr Nandu Tayade of Sanpada. His family was felicitated. His wife



dation had organized Veer Jawan Puraskar 2018. In this event, the martyrs' family members and the retired servicemen were felicitated.

Maya Tayade was felicitated by the hands of social worker Vrushali Mugdum. Sudhakar Bhatt, the martyr of

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The families of the martyrs were given Rs 25000 while the retired armymen were given trophies and certificates and thus they were felicitated.

During this event there were dances performed by children and the audience were

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Teez Festival celebrated at Panvel



Banjara community's women celebrated traditional Teez Festival in a big way at Panvel. Chief guests in this function were Shivchand Rathod, Radheshyam Aade, Nilesh Rathod, Rupesh Chavan, Shankar Chavan, Atul Chavan, Rajkumar Chavan and others. (By Chandrashekhar Hendve)

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KRCL Switches To Online Recruitment Process

By Ashok Dhamija
CBD BELAPUR:

Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) as part of its initiative for streamlining its recruitment process recently switched over from Manual System to Online Process in order to promote transparency and higher outreach.

As a major step towards KRCL issued its maiden notification for online recruitment for 65 posts of Technician (Electrical : 38, S&T : 27) as early in March 2018. A total 2986 candidates applied against the notification. A Computer Based Test (CBT) for the said notification was held on in June 2018 at five locations of Maharashtra, Goa & Karnataka simultaneously in which 2203 candidates i.e. 74 % of applicants appeared. Further the results of CBT for

recruitment process have been published on KRCL website on Aug 30, 2018 in which 65 candidates



Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd

are kept on regular list and 33 candidates have been kept as standby. After successful completion of further recruitment process, they will be appointed in Konkan Railway. Considering the success of the online recruitments, KRCL is now resorting to a transparent paperless procedure, leaving no scope for intrusions by unauthorised persons shared a senior HR official of KRCL.

Prashant Thakur begins...

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Thakur and welcomed him. Present during this event

director Ashok Shingare. Also, CIDCO's Workers



were chief security officer Vinay Kargaonkar, joint managing director Prajakta Lavangare Varma and joint managing

Union's president Nilesh Tandel and general secretary J T Patil offered bouquet to Thakur and welcomed him.

Unidentified thief breaks into a house at Seawoods and commits theft

By Crime Reporter
NAVI MUMBAI: During the early hours of Monday morning, an unidentified thief entered the house of Shahadab Rizvi at Seawoods Sector 27 and stole cash and jewellery worth Rs 1,39,000. The complainant Shahadab Jawahar

Hussein Rizvi is the resident of Muktai Apartment at Seawoods Darave Sector 27 and he resides here with his family. The police have registered a criminal case of house breaking theft and are on the hunt for the unidentified thief.

Youth looted of cash by trio

By Crime Reporter
NAVI MUMBAI: A youth who had gone to the bank to deposit his money was cheated by three unidentified persons who after fooling him looted him of amount of around Rs 1 lakh 20 thousand. Taloja police have registered a criminal case of cheating against this trio and started a search for them. The victim in this case is Shivank-pratap Singh (20) and he is the resident of Taloja. He is an MBBS student.

Dahi Handi celebrated by small children in Vashi

(By Sumit Renose)



Konkan Divisional Democracy Day on September 10

By Manoj Gole
NAVI MUMBAI: Konkan Divisional Level Democracy Day will be held from Monday to Thursday i.e. from 10 September 2018 at 10.00 am at the Regional Office of the Commissioner (Revenue) Committee Hall, first floor, Konkan Bhavan, Navi Mumbai-400 614. Divisional Commissioner day democracy and regional level government officials will accept public complaints from 10.00 till 1.00.

Criteria for accepting the request

The process will go on according to the provisions of the circular issued in the General Administration Department of the Government of Maharashtra, no. 18/09/18-A, dated September 26, 2012. Applicants who have

submitted the application will be heard in the same way. Applications not submitted in the prescribed period, matters related to judicial matters, revenues / appeals, service related matters, establishment certificates, along with the application of copies of required documents, along with the final answer given / final answer is given in the same case again and again / Application of non-personal application will not be considered.

The application received in the prescribed time period and will be reviewed on the expected date of Lokshahi Din as per the token number. Please note that the deputy commissioner (general), Konkan Division gave the information.

Cleanliness Campaign at Vashi railway station



Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation in association with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation organized a Cleanliness Campaign at Vashi railway station. The students, through their street plays created awareness about the need to ban plastic and thermocol. (By Chandrashekha Hendve)

Families of martyrs...

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2001 event and who belonged to Bhandup was also remembered. His wife was felicitated. The family of another martyr Pravin Yelkar of Nerul was also felicitated.

This event was first of its type and took place in Junagar. Many city residents were present for this event. During this occasion the president of Vijay Nahata Foundation, Vijay Nahata promised that he would always help the families of martyrs of the ex-servicemen whenever they



needed help.

During this occasion, the ex-servicemen like Demohan Ambhore, Suresh Kakade, Shashikant Khaire,

Sanjay Patole, Shivpura Ghatakamble, Arvind Bhandare, Vijay Kamble, Sanjay Kamble, Sunil Suryagandh, Shivaji Suryagandh,

Bhau Khadke, Jagdish Bhatt, Popat Gaidhadak, Satish Jadhav, Satish Waghode and Tukaram Kamble were felicitated.

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1449 benefit from The Health Check Up Camp at Chembur

- 398 donate blood at Andheri
- Both were conducted by the SNCF



By Ashok Dhamija

In all 1449 citizens benefitted from the Free Health Check-up Camp organized by Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation at Sant Nirankari Sat-sang Bhawan, Mahul Road Chembur on Sunday, 2nd September, 2018.

The check-ups included in the camp were General, Blood tests, ECG and specialized disciplines of Orthopedic, Eye, Bone density, BP, pediatrics, Gynecological, Dental. The camp included procedures like Physiotherapy, Acupuncture and Acupressure. Medicines were distributed in both the streams of Allopathy and Homeopathy.

A team of 30 Doctors and technicians in concerned fields, all of them being devotees, volunteered their services. Looking at the overwhelming response the time of the camp was extended by 2 hours and closed at 3.30 pm.

The camp was visited by local MLA Shri Prakash Phaterpekar. He appreciated the Mission's selfless services towards the society.

This camp was organized under the guidance of Shri Bhupinder Singh Chugh, Zonal Incharge and his colleagues in coordination with senior members of SNCF, Sewadal and Senior Doctors.

Blood Donation Camp: On the same

day a Blood Donation Camp was also organized by Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation at Gundavali Municipal School, Andheri wherein 348 Nirankaris donated their blood.

The blood was collected by Cooper Hospital (119), Nair Hospital (212) and Kamgar Hospital (17).

This camp was inaugurated by Shri Mohan Gundu Ji, Sector Sanyojak of the Mandal and was visited by Shri Murji Patel, local Corporator.

Ajit Singh Anand, local Sector Sanyojak of the Mandal played a vital role in the organization of the camp with the help of local unit of Nirankari Sewadal.

Janmashtami Celebrations of a different kind

Dahi handi celebrations in the ladies coach of a Mumbai suburban local train!!!! Such things can happen only in this crazy city called Aamchi Mumbai! Come what may. Mumbaiers always rock! Salute the women power here too. (By C K Subramaniam)



Upgraded DEMU Train Flagged Off On KR route



Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Gol, Anantkumar Hegde (Extreme Right) flags off the Upgraded DEMU Train in presence of other dignitaries

By Ashok Dhamija

CBD BELAPUR: Konkan Railway Corporation Limited in its continued efforts and dedicated approach to community has taken various initiatives under the able leadership of Hon'ble Minister of Railways Piyush Goyal by way of providing more and more passenger facilities for the passengers of Konkan region making the journey more comfortable. As part of this initiative it recently re-introduced the upgraded DEMU train on KR route between Karwar and Pernem stations. The same was flagged

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off by Hon'ble Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India Anantkumar Hegde, on Tuesday September 4, 2018 at Kar-

war Railway station. Konkan Railway always believes in providing better services to its passengers for their comfortable and safe journey.

Close Encounters...
An action packed moment from the 16th edition of Interschool ICSE/ISC Basketball tournament (Maharashtra Region) for Junior and Senior Boys and Girls organised by Christ Academy ICSE, Koperkhairane (By Ashok Dhamija).



Dreams dashed to dust



By CK Subramaniam

Test cricket is total concentration, confidence and temperament. Team India lacked all the three qualities and succumbed to pace in the

will be facing setbacks again and again on overseas tours. From a position of 3 for 123, were bundled out for 184 and the hopes were dashed to dust.

Dirt was not applied by English bowlers to get additional advantage and it was not a dusty wicket to stage manage a win as we do at home. It was total team work, which we really lacked and thus surrendered the initiative and now playing out for prestige.

and the trend continues.

Apart from playing good innings, the captain has to lead from the front and his fall was the starting point for the collapse. Plus there were tactical mistakes in captaincy. Both Ishant and Ashwin, the senior bowlers in the side were not properly used from day one of first test. Pujara was dropped for the first test under the instruction of the skipper and coach. The captain should owe



first test, demolished at Mecca of cricket, Lord's and the hopes shattered at Southampton with a sixty run defeat. The team was sailing smoothly to square the series 2-2 but sudden rush of blood saw the team succumbing to spin and losing the match on the fourth day of the fourth test and lost the test series 3-1. The fifth test on 7th August at the Oval is mere formality and unless we focus on our shortcomings soon, we

The number one side was pitted against number five side, but we were at the receiving end throughout the test series. It was not a dust bowl but Rose Bowl, playing good even on the penultimate day of the test match but still we lost. This raises the question whether Team India is good enough to play five day test matches? In a single line, Indian team was a ragtag, a bobtail outfit as described by Fred Trueman way back in 1970s

responsibility for all his lapses and for this test series defeat. There is lot of difference winning at home and abroad. Touring teams coming to India come with a plan and win series here, whereas we invariably fail in overseas conditions. This is the second consecutive series defeat after the South Africa loss by 2-1 margin. We are very slow starters and recover only after suffering

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TRAVELOGUE OF A NAVI MUMBAIKAR The Seattle Safari - 13 Affordable, Clean & Efficient Multi-Modal Transportation System – Part 1



By Lakshman Sundar

Seattle is blessed with different types of transport. Unlike many cities in the US where owning a car is

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The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) has named King County in which Seattle forms a part as the best large transit system in North America, citing achievements in ridership, safety, innovation, equity, and sustainability over the past three years.

The King County

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Metro operates the 10th largest fleet of buses in the United States, with more than 1,500 buses. The fleet includes a mix of electric trolleybuses, diesel-electric hybrids, and battery electric buses. Buses range in size from 30-40 feet.

Clean & Efficient

Public Transport Buses are very clean, posh and efficient. Wel-

So, to verify that one day I went in a bus wearing dhoti (loincloth). Nobody objected or raised eyebrows. Some commuters bring their dogs which though look ferocious yet are tame and docile. The first few seats on either side are always reserved for se-

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India needs tourists

The United Nations World Tourism Organisation said that international tourist arrivals in India grew from 14.57 million in 2016 to 15.54 million in 2017 and receipts increased from \$22.42 billion to \$27.36 billion. This is good news for India. Almost 300 leading tour operators from across the globe will be in New Delhi to participate in an event that focuses on marketing India as a destination.

The government is aiming for 20 million tourist arrivals over the next three years. India can reach it provided the Centre and the states take care of certain basic issues: security, infrastructure and connectivity.

The rush of tourists is good news. But India should be cautious. Look at what has happened to Barcelona and Venice. Fed up with constant streams of tourists, both places are now resisting them. Amsterdam is restricting short-term renting out of properties by residents after protests against the swamping of the city by tourists last year. Problems have beset Shimla, Ladakh and Goa in India where the unregulated tourist rush has led to serious environmental problems.

International tourist numbers surged by 5.2 % to nearly half a billion people worldwide in the first half of 2013. Europe enjoyed growth of 5.1 % in international tourist numbers in the six months. Asia and the Pacific reported growth of 6.2 % including an 11.6-% surge in tourists going to Southeast Asia. But results were weaker than anticipated in the Americas, which posted growth of just 2.2 %. International tourist numbers grew 3.1 % in North America but South America reported growth of just 0.3 % and the Caribbean had growth of a meagre 0.1 %. In Africa, international tourist arrivals rose by 3.8 %. In the Middle East, tourist numbers soared by 12.9 %.

As far as India is concerned, to make West Bengal the next tourism hub, the state tourism department will roll out a new tourism road map to promote cultural tourism and preserve heritage buildings in the state in the next six months. The state is considered the fourth most popular for domestic tourists and sixth for international tourists.

The concept of tourism is changing across the world. Its not about wildlife, scenic beauty and forests anymore. It's about sharing your cultural milieu and way of life. We have to move from static tourism to cultural tourism. Identifying and converting old heritage buildings into tourist attractions would be of immense

interest to foreign tourists, most of whom come from Europe and the US.

The state saw 235,000 foreign and 8,500,000 national tourist arrivals in 2012. There are ancient temples and stone architecture in Agra, Rajasthan or Delhi. But Bengal has colonial buildings and old mansions of rajas, nawabs and zamindars in Murshidabad, Bankura, Purulia and Malda. These, combined with their cultural and natural diversity offer something unique for all kinds of tourists.

The number of annual tourists crossing international borders will reach 1 billion soon. Chinese tourists, whose numbers increased 30 percent year-on-year, and their Russian counterparts, whose numbers swelled 16 percent, offer big opportunities for traditional tourist destinations like the Mediterranean. But Mediterranean countries may relax visa restrictions for visitors from nations like Brazil, Russia, India and China, where growth has outpaced recession-hit Europe and emerging middle classes are increasingly traveling outside national borders.

Tax hikes could scare away tourists. Many European countries have raised taxes as part of austerity programmes to get government finances back on track.

There is a good news. India has become chairman of UN tourism body. This was announced at the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) conference at Gyeongju, South Korea. Tourism Minister Subodhkant Sahai said that it "signifies the confidence of various countries in India and the efforts of the Indian government in promotion of tourism in the country as well as across the globe in responsible and sustainable manner to bring in inclusive growth."

It has been estimated that by the year 2016-17, the growth in the tourism sector would enable additional employment generation of around 25 million persons. There would be a need for additional 42 million skilled persons in hospitality sector alone. Hence India is giving a major boost to the skill development in the sector by harnessing both public and private sector educational and training infrastructure of the country. We are also encouraging our academic institutes to go in for MOU's with reputed counterparts of other countries for achieving academic excellence. Sahai has urged UNWTO to intensify its efforts in providing the support to member countries in developing a skill development framework based on successful best practices across the globe.

Motor cyclist dies in an accident

By Crime Reporter

NAVI MUMBAI: In the accident that took place during the early hours of Monday morning on the road that moves from Uran's Sigapur Port to Karalphata, a motorcycle rider Hitesh Narayan Shrikhande (25) died.

Hitesh Shrikhande who resides at Jasai region in Uran was moving on his motorcycle towards Jasai at

around 2.15 am. When the motor cycle arrived on the road that leads to Karalphata, Hitesh lost control over his speeding vehicle and his motorcycle hit a divider on the road. Hitesh sustained serious injury and after a short time he succumbed to the injury.

Nhava Sheva police has registered a case of accidental death and started the investigation.

Dreams dashed...

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series of defeats. Team India is number one side and captain Virat Kohli is number one batsman in the world but we are losing an overseas series 3-1 (Three - One) and thus becoming number one everywhere but no one could prevent the losing trend. Hype, hoopla and hysteria of Team India winning an overseas series is as good as over. The problem begin with Indian openers. They probe the ball outside the off stump and chase the ball from Southampton to Sydney. Middle order is weak and the tail never wag to upset the applecart. Changing the team frequently face lots of problem. From now on, even T 20 and one day side will go in test side way with many passengers in the side occupying top spots, as captain's favorites.

Instead of blaming Ashwin alone, we should blame the batsmen and poor fielding. Openers were lamps to the slaughter. Dhawan is good enough in giving slip catches, but he is the vice captain of the one day side. Rohit Sharma is playing no where but he is the captain of the one day side. Pant gave more runs as a keeper and scored less runs as a batsman. Pandya and Jadeja were just passengers in the side. It was overall failure of batsmen inclusive of captain Kohli

and vice captain Rahane during crucial time of the test series. England had a very weak side but we allowed the tail to wag and that was the difference between the two sides. Professional English batsmen did not score hundreds as Kohli and Pujara did but played useful knocks when needed to put their side in an advantageous position

Nothing is impossible in test cricket. But stamina, physical fitness and faulty catching methods all lacking and draw flak after a defeat. It was a weak English side still Team India was lacking in all the three departments of the game. The team enjoyed dropped chances, referrals going their way, close shaves for our skipper, the main batsman and it was survival of the fittest at Southampton. We failed as a team and instead of starting the blame game, we should work from basics and pull our socks to field two sound openers to provide a great start and work for consolidation to build a big total. Bowlers, especially spinners need sufficient runs and skipper's support to strike and pose problems to the opposition. The failure of top and middle order is the root cause for our debacles, surrenders and defeats on an overseas series. It was an eye opener and a lesson to learn after series of losses.

Fuel on fire

As cess (pool) fuels petrol price hike, people are wondering whether to use their vehicles are not and use other transport to save cost on transportation. It is reliably learnt that petrol can be cheaper by Rs.9 per litre in city if the government scraps the cess. In Mumbai Petrol price touch Rs.86.56 and Diesel is just behind with Rs.75.54. The state FM pleads helplessness in bringing down the price in Mumbai, even though it is well within his ambit to reduce liquor and additional cess on petrol, which the petrol dealers association claims would entail a net saving of Rs. 9 per litre. Government on their side cannot control and cap the cost and thereby the prices can be streamlined over a period of time. Creating shortage is a safe bet for traders to make up the loss and balance their income. And the main sufferers are consumers and the real advantage goes to retailers to make easy buck. It is time to have an holistic approach to go into the details and hit the right pocket to make amends for all the earlier lapses experienced in price hike.

- Calicut Krishnan Ramani, Vashi

Water - interesting facts

Thy name is life and water is part and parcel of our life. Three fourths of earth's surface is covered by water and only one fourth is land mass as per geographical survey. Most people know it and it is time to keep an eye on water position available at our disposal. What many of us do not know is that 97.5% of the water available in earth is salt water and unworthy of drinking and bathing.

Only 2.5% of earth's water is sweet water of which roughly 68% is held as ice in Arctic and Antarctic region. Of remaining 32% of 2.5% most quantities are stored in underground and in various kinds of organic and inorganic matters. It is only a mini minuscule part, precisely 0.26% of entire water of the world which is in all the rivers, lakes, ponds and other water bod-

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ies which are the only sources of sweet surface water available to living beings and the need to preserve and protect is of our utmost importance.

So preserving water and not polluting it is of paramount importance and each and everyone of us in a thickly populated country like India should realise this and control usage water to the optimum level.

In a reality check we observe on the World Water Day that the source of groundwater is drying up in this country and the alarming worry about water levels continue. Many of the proposed smart cities in India lacks basic infrastructure and the decision to include them is defeated with the drawbacks particularly lack of drinking water and usable water. Thus we are in troubled water and India's largest state UP tops the list. Wells and bore wells serve the purpose when there is water shortage.

As water levels go down considerably we should plan for Rain Water Harvesting as in Tamil Nadu and other neighbouring states. All through our childhood and growing up years, when ever we had an opportunity to play in water or leave the tap open with water flowing down the drains, as elders always used to reprimand us for stating that with every drop of water, wasted it was money that was getting wasted.

Never we did realise the consequences or the connection between water and money, but now with the sorts of situation that we are heading towards and placed on the brink of a catastrophe and buying water with ground water drying up, remember the golden words. It is time for retrospection at this crucial juncture as the water shortage threat throughout the world is catching up thick and fast.

We believe, in India we have not taken the issue of water on top priority. Still there is no proper and concrete guidelines to restrict the malpractices of misutilisation of water. There is no segregation of water in India. Drinking water is used for washing clothes, gardening, cleaning cars, roads and the most important usage in huge and bulk by the housing sector. No policy for industri-

al water and the wastage continued in every field without anybody bothering about water.

There is no policy of restricting the usage of drinking water for multi purpose requirements. It is a matter of great regret that we pay water tax and impurified water is supplied at doorstep which is then purified by various process to obtain drinkable water. Despite the fact that water is supplied by Government Agencies, we talk big and hardly believe in doing minimum. Adjust your daily habits to save litres of clean fresh water every day.

While brushing your teeth, use a glass of water instead of a running tap for wetting the brush and rinsing. A running tap can waste about 16 litres of water each minute. When taking bath shower instead of a bath and limit your showers to a maximum of four minutes. For shaving use a cup, sink or container of warm water to clean the shaver in rather than a warm running tap. Never shave in the shower. Clearing dishes after the meal require more water and so scrape and compost your food waste instead of rinsing it off plates and dishes. At the time of washing dishes, rinse dishes in a bucket and use the water on the garden after wards. In dishwasher do not rinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher.

Ensure you only do full loads of washing, if possible using cold water and adjusting water levels to suit the size of loads. Instead of waiting for the warm water to arrive try and capture the water that flows out of the shower or tap prior to it being the right temperature and put it on the garden. Fix dripping taps and toilets quickly. They can waste up to 13 litres of water a day.

Fresh water is the life blood of nature. Without it, we would not have clean air, food, drink and many aesthetic and recreational benefits. Therefore, we need to ensure we use water in a sustainable way -we need to share it with all life on the planet and respect and value this 'life blood'. The consequences of doing otherwise can be seen in the spreading deserts across the world and the resulting drought and famine that can soon follow.

- C.K. Subramaniam, Dignity Member, Sanpada

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nior citizens and differently challenged persons.

Bus stops indicate in neon signs the exact time of the arrival of your awaited bus and the next one. There is no conductor on board but only a driver who doubles up as a conductor without getting up from seat. Lady drivers are common. Most commuters use ORCA (One Regional Card for All) Card and the rest deposit exact fare amount in a box next to the driver. The fares are affordably priced. For adult \$ 2.50, for senior citizen \$ 1 and for children under four free.

Monorail

Seattle's Monorail is the U. S.' first full-scale commercial monorail system and a beloved landmark. Unlike in Mumbai where monorail runs for more than 12 miles covering 18 stations, Seattle's monorail operates from Downtown to Seattle Space Needle for just a mile with only two stations- starting and terminus! It takes two minutes to cover the distance. The monorail departs approximately every ten minutes from these two stations.

The monorail, which cost \$3.5 million to build, opened on March 24, 1962 for the Century 21 Exposition, a World's Fair held at the current site of Seattle Center. Eight million people rode the

monorail during the half year the fair was open. Today, annual ridership is around 2 million. Every train can carry up to 450 passengers per trip. The Seattle Monorail was given historical landmark status by the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board April 16, 2003.

One-way fares are \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for youths aged 5-12, and \$1.25 for reduced rate, including senior citizens 65 years and older, disabled individuals, persons with Medicare cards, and active-duty U.S. military personnel carrying their identification cards. Roundtrip fares are twice the price of a one-way fare, while children four and under ride free. Tickets are

available only by cash. **RapidRide**

RapidRide, a network of limited-stop bus lines with frequencies of 10 minutes or better during peak commuting hours and 15 minutes during most off-peak hours and on

weekends. Most lines have late night and early morning service. Stops with heavier ridership have "stations" with an awning, seating, lighting and real time information signs to communicate estimate arrival times of

RapidRide buses. All lines use new, low-floor, articulated buses that are painted with a distinct red and yellow livery and have onboard Wi-Fi. Daily & annual ridership top 65,000 and 20 million respectively. **(To be continued)**

Augmentation Of AC Coaches On Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Madgaon Double Decker Express

By Ashok Dhamija

PANVEL: Konkan Railway in coordination with Central Railway have decided to attach two AC Chair Coaches to Train No. 11085 / 11086 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Madgaon - Lokmanya Tilak (T) Double Decker AC Express to clear extra rush of passengers during Ganapati festival on following dates.

Train No.	Date of Coach Attachment	From	To	Load after attachment of Coach
11085	09 th , 12 th , 14 th , 16 th , 19 th & 21 st September 2018	Lokmanya Tilak (T)	Madgaon	10
11086	10 th , 13 th , 15 th , 17 th , 20 th & 22 nd September 2018	Madgaon	Lokmanya Tilak (T)	10

There will be however no change in schedule and halts of the above specials. Passengers are requested to kindly avail the services.

Teachers - The Architects of our Society



Ryan Group of Institutions MD Grace Pinto interacting with the students on the eve of Teachers Day

By Ashok Dhamija

NAVI MUMBAI: On September 5, India celebrates the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the first Vice President and Second President of the nation, who was a profound philosopher, a reminiscent teacher and a great humanist at heart. His birthday has been celebrated as Teachers' Day in dedication to all the teachers for their immense contribution in nurturing leaders, visionaries and responsible citizens of our nation. On the eve of the Teachers Day, Ryan International Group of Institutions, Managing Director Grace Pinto shares her views with Newsband correspondent as detailed below.

To celebrate the lives of teachers who create significant changes in their students' lives, India celebrates National Teacher's Day on September 5 every year. On this day, I thank the almighty for all the teachers all across the world for dedicating their lives in this noble service to their nation and humanity at large. The gentle gesture of holding a hand and guiding and the noble way of enlightening young minds simply bestows upon them the characteristic of being the most influential person in students' lives. Teachers impart good values to children and turn them into accountable, empowered and caring human beings. Looking back on the years gone by, we all are grateful for the vital role our very own teachers have played in shaping our lives. Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel Prize laureate has aptly said, "One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world." Indeed, the positive influence of teachers lasts for generations to come. They are the nation builders, the architects of our society.

Today, with the emergence and rapid technological advancements, the landscape of education has changed. Consequently, the role of our teachers too has changed over

time. Speaking about integration of technology in education, Bill Gates has beautifully stated, "Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is most important." Technology is here to transform education and not to replace educators. It is the role of the teachers to use it fruitfully to transform lives and enhance learning outcomes. I strongly believe that while technology does its bit, teachers as facilitators add the desired human touch and instil values for holistic development and uplift the essence of education.

Teachers are an integral part of the educational system. And in this ever evolving globalized world, teachers cannot afford to remain stagnant or old fashioned in their teaching pedagogy. Teachers need to constantly upgrade themselves in order to keep pace with ever evolving learning patterns and diverse learners themselves. John Dewey would say, "If we teach today as we taught yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow." There is always something new to learn and if teachers fail to do this, they are doing injustice to their noble calling. Education system demands teachers to be resource persons who as facilitators will be able to provide or guide students in getting the right information they are looking for. Although things are available on just a click of a mouse, students need support from their teachers to understand and learn new concepts and skills. Students look up to teachers as mentors and role models who inspire, encourage and boost their confidence to always strive to bring out the best in them and live life to the fullest. Finally, on this Teachers' Day, dear teachers, we acknowledge and appreciate your valuable contribution to the society. We urge you to continue to live your vocation to the fullest and pray that may God bless you and keep you and be gracious to you. Wish you a Very Happy Teachers' Day!

Six and half kilometres median road project on TB road formally inaugurated



NMMC Commissioner and Chief Guest Dr N Ramaswami (IAS) formally inaugurates the six and half kilometres median road project in presence of the dignitaries

By Ashok Dhamija

NAVI MUMBAI: Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation Commissioner and Chief Guest, Dr N Ramaswami (IAS), formally inaugurated the six and half kilometres median road project on the Thane Belapur stretch between Rabale and Koperkhairane nodes, in presence of CSR Head of L&T Technology Services (LTTS) and Guest of Honour, Panish Rao, NMMC Asst. Commissioner Dattatray Nagare, Rabale MIDC's Senior Police Inspector Mamta D'souza, Corporator Sanjay Wade and other dignitaries. LTTS which is the development partner through this initiative aims to enhance the overall aesthetics of Navi



Guest of Honour, Panish Rao along with NMMC Commissioner inspect the LTTS CSR initiative.

Mumbai through green landscaping as part of its CSR activity. Through this initiative LTTS as socially responsible organization also aims to drive environmental consciousness among the citizens and fulfil its commitment towards society. LTTS will also oversee the maintenance of the median project for the next

three years.

Speaking on the occasion Chief Guest, Dr N Ramaswami said "This initiative by of L&T Technology Services is a noteworthy one. As a socially responsible organisation L&T through this CSR initiative will not only enhance the green cover in the city and also promote environment conservation".

Govindas of a different kind ...



Contract workers carry out maintenance activity on the MSEDCL High Tension cables in a gravity defying act in the city. (By Ashok Dhamija)