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## Birth Anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri celebrated at NMMC HQ



By Chandrashekhhar Hendve  
NAVI MUMBAI:

Mayor Jaywant Sutar garlanded the statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri at Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation, CBD Belapur. The civic body had organised a Run for Plastic Free Navi Mumbai. The prize distribution ceremony was held in which the winners of this event were given awards. The event

was held at Amphitheater of NMMC HQ.

Present during this occasion were MLA Manda Mhatre, MLA Sandip Naik, deputy mayor Mandakini Mhatre, municipal commissioner Dr Ramaswami N, leader of the house Ravindra Ithape, Navi Mumbai Cleanliness Mission related committed chairperson Netra Shirke, F Ward committee president and social welfare and

hutment improvement committee chairperson Anita Manavatkar, law committee chairman Ganesh Mhatre, corporator Avinash Lad, Dr Jayaji Nath, Vinod Mhatre, Prakash More, Mira Patil, Sunil Patil, transport committee member Raju Shinde, additional commissioner (city) Ravindra Patil, additional commissioner (service) Ramesh Chavan, city

engineer Mohan Dagaonkar and various divisional chiefs, officers and others.

## CIDCO's housing scheme related lottery results declared



CIDCO came up with the list of 14,838 persons who obtained the houses in the CIDCO's Housing Scheme related lottery system. The online lottery results were declared on 2 October 2018 at CIDCO Bhavan, Seventh Floor, CIDCO Auditorium. (By Chandrashekhhar Hendve)

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## NCP leader's murder: his wife demands probe be transferred to LCB

By Tutu

**NAVI MUMBAI:** In a dramatic turn of event the wife of deceased NCP leader from Karjat Pratap Dabhade has raised serious doubts over police probe. Expressing serious dissatisfaction of police probe, she has also demanded before the Raigad SP that the investigation should be handed over to the local crime branch citing the Karjat PI is not doing the investigation properly. It can be noted Karjat NCP youth wing leader Pratap Dabhade was allegedly murdered by two Shiv Sena leaders including husband of Mandvane sarpanch on September 1, 2018. The two accused have been sent to the judicial custody. However, the complainants accuse the police of not acting against other suspects.

Suvarna Dabhade in her letter to the Raigad SP cited the following reasons to transfer the case to the local crime branch - she suspect more people of being involved in

the murder rather than the two, CDR details of the accused has not been probed, different answers given on the weapons used to commit the crime, investigation of the master mind and his team, etc.

Two back to back cases with indirect or direct involvement of political parties has rocked Karjat in the last six months. The sexual assault on special children at a boarding school, followed, by the murder of NCP leader has raised doubt of the investigation. The special school was run by a BSKP leader headed trust whereas the murder case accused are Shiv Sena leaders.

The Karjat MLA Suresh Lad said, we are surprised to see that a complainant is threatening to withdraw a murder plea. The police has shown two different items (sticks) suspected to have used in the crime.

The victim's nephew, Rushi Dabhade said, "After lodging of the complaint with the SP the police investigation is somehow progressing smoothly."



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## Demolition Drive at Turbhe and KK



Unauthorised constructions were razed at Turbhe and Koparkhairane by NMMC. (By Chandrashekhar Hendve)

## Cleanliness Campaign at Koparkhairane, Ghansoli and Airoli



By Chandrashekhar Hendve

**NAVI MUMBAI:** As part of its on-going activities under the theme Swachata He Seva and to mark the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Clean India Mission, initiated by Prime Minister, the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) since a fortnight has been carrying out various activities in its eight wards.

As part of awareness drive, the civic body carried out a cleanliness campaign at Koparkhairane. During the drive the students of R. F. Naik College and Tilak Col-



lege participated with enthusiasm.

Similarly, on Monday cleanliness drive was carried out at Ghansoli where students from various schools participated

and spread awareness of clean station. At Airoli area, a cleanliness rally was organized to give citizens a message about plastic restrictions and waste classification.

## Cars parked on footpath



People inconvenienced due to car parking on footpath at Vashi Sector 15. (By Sumit Renose)

## Accident at Sanpada



An accident occurred at 5 am on the Sion Panvel highway at Sanpada. The accident occurred since the truck driver did not see the road divider (By Sumit Renose)

## Chess Tournament 2018

By CK Subramaniam

**NAVI MUMBAI:** On the eve of World Senior Citizens Day, various competitions were organized for Senior Citizens, inter alia Chess at Jestha Nagarik Sangh, sector 9, Sanpada on Wednesday.

There were as many as 22 participants from various nodes of Navi Mumbai.

Mr. Ramesh Sakharam Mohite of Jestha Nagarik Sangh Sanpada won the tournament very convincingly defeating arch rival Mr. D. S. Vaidhya, last year chess champion within 20 moves.

The game began with e pawn Indian opening to which Mohite replied with

French defence. He captured opponent's queen and two rooks, knight and six pawns besides a queen up against opponent's rook, and five pawns.

Last year both fought for championship but score was tied

with 3.5 each in the final round and coin was spun to decide the winner in which luck favoured Mr. Vaidya.

The highlights of the match is that all four places were cap-

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# KR's Swachhta-Hi-Sewa Fortnight Celebrations Pays Tribute To Father of Nation

By Ashok Dhamija

**CBD BELAPUR:** Father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi had always led a continuous struggle for cleanliness and sanitation throughout his life. The Gandhian movement for sanitation became a reference point for the attainment of the 'Swachh Bharat' targets throughout India under the inspiration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi four years ago. To continue the legacy of Gandhiji, Konkan Railway undertook various activities spread over a fortnight to celebrate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018, under the guidance of Hon'ble Minister for Railways, Piyush Goyal. During the Swachhata Hi Sewa Pakhwara held from 15th September 2018 to 2nd October 2018, all Konkan Railway Executives and Staff participated in the cleanliness



Shramdan, Swachh Parisar were among the many activities that ensured "Swachhata Hi Sewa" Campaign was a grand success on the Konkan Railway route.



A drawing competition for school children too created awareness on cleanliness.



Tree Plantation Drive too was carried out by the Staff along the KR route

activities with great enthusiasm in order to make the "Swachhata Hi Sewa" Campaign a grand success. The highlight of the same are detailed below:

**A) Swachhata Hi Sewa Pakhwara Flagged Off:** The fortnight long celebrations on Konkan Railway began with a 'Swachhata Pledge' by Sanjay Gupta Chairman and Managing Director, Konkan Railway along with Executives and Staff at Konkan Railway Colony, Nerul and all stations over the Konkan Railway route. Shramdan was done at Railway Colony and Konkan Railway Stations.

**B) Swachh Samwad:** Cleanliness Awareness Programs like Nukkad Nataks along with Drawing competition for school children were organised at Stations to spread awareness on cleanli-

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## Thousands volunteer at Nirankari's Blood Donation Camp



A blood donation camp organized by the Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation at Dnyan Vikas High School, Sector-22, Koparkhairane, Navi Mumbai on 30th September 2018.

By Ashok Dhamija  
Navi Mumbai: The Sant Nirankari Charitable Founda-

tion organized three Blood Donation Camps in Navi Mumbai and Mumbai

Metropolitan areas on Sunday, 30th Septem-

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## Seeking Blessings of Ma Kali...



Special prayers were organised by Temple Priests at Vashi based Navi Mumbai Bengali Association during the foundation day of its Kali Bari Temple on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. The same was attended by large number of faithful (By Ashok Dhamija)

## Chess...

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tured by the Jestha Nagarik Sangh of Sanpada.

The final standing was as under:

Ramesh Mohite winner 4 points  
Anant Patil runner up 3 pts

D. T. Jadhav, 3 points

S. D. Vaidhya 3 points

Smt. Karle, winner, ladies section.

# Father of Our nation

Today (October 2, 1869 to January 30, 1948) is Mahatma Gandhi's birthday. He was the leader of India's non-violent independence movement against British rule and in South Africa who advocated for the civil rights of Indians. He was killed by a fanatic in 1948.

There are a few facts about Gandhi that surprise everyone. How about the facts that he was married at age 13 and had four sons before taking a vow of celibacy, that the teachers at his London law school complained incessantly about his bad handwriting, and other lesser-known facts that have been forgotten in light of his great accomplishments? Mahatma Gandhi, known throughout India as the "father of the nation," was a powerful voice for peace during a very volatile time in India's history. His famous hunger strikes and message of nonviolence helped to unite the country and ultimately led to India's independence from the British on August 15, 1947. Sadly, Gandhi was assassinated in 1948, shortly after independence was achieved and while India was plagued with bloodshed over new boundaries between religious groups. He was cremated at the shores of the Yamuna River, at Raj Ghat in Delhi,



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after his assassination. There is also the museum at the Sabarmati Ashram, or Gandhi Ashram, in the Sabarmati suburb of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, commemorating the ashram's purpose and Mahatma Gandhi's life and works. Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, a Gandhi disciple, inaugurated the



museum in 1963. The ashram was one of the residences of Gandhi, who lived here for 12 years with his wife Kasturba Gandhi. In 1930, Gandhi used this ashram as his base for the nonviolent march he organized against the British Salt Law, which had a profound influence on the movement for Indian independence—achieved in 1947. In recognition of this, India established the ashram as a national monument. Below are 20 facts about the life of Mahatma Gandhi, who inspired the

thinking of many world leaders, among them Martin Luther King Jr. and Barack Obama.

Many people remember Gandhi for his famous hunger strikes, but there's a lot more to the story. Mahatma Gandhi was born as Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. The honorific title Mahatma, or "Great Soul," was given to him in 1914. Gandhi is often called Bapu in India, a term of endearment that means "father." Gandhi fought for much more than independence. His causes included civil rights for women, the abolition of the caste system, and the fair treatment of all people regardless of religion. Gandhi demanded fair treatment for the untouchables, India's lowest caste, and he underwent several fasts to support the cause. He called the untouchables harijans, which means "children of God." Gandhi ate fruit, nuts, and seeds for five years but switched back to strict vegetarianism after suffering health problems. Gandhi took an early vow to avoid milk products, howev-

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By C K Subramaniam

The Indian teams visit to England and then Dubai raises a lot of questions. The batting: barring Kohli and late in the series in England was a failure. Pujara, Rahul and Pant got hundreds. But it was a collective failure and dominance was conspicuous by its absence.

The batting coach did not reveal any new or improved technique to counter the swing and bounce visible in England.

Bowling: The positive was the attack delivered by bowling out the England team in all the Tests. The spinners were impressive but captain failed to utilise them properly and thereby hangs a tail.

Wicket keeping of Dinesh Karthik was a failure and Pant was appalling. Leaping and diving are not hallmarks of a good keeper. 44 extras in the final Test in a crunch game probably cost the match. Both are back stops reflecting poorly on coaching standards in India. They appear like goal keepers in a football field.

Fielding was below acceptable standards. So many catches were dropped that one was wondering why no thought was given to this important aspect specially when the attack revolved on pace

# Indian team in England - A Review

bowling and the captaincy horrible. Completely foxed at some of the actions. Defied logic. Team selection, field placements and bowling changed lacked vision.

I am a great fan of Kohli, the batsman and feel he will develop into an effective Test captain but he needs to mature.

To release the pres-

Good Communication skills, trustworthy etc. Above all, self believer and I think you may have opinion in changing a captain but I believe Virat has still lot to offer as a Captain. 4-1 loss in England was disastrous and no can defend that debacle.

Failure makes you better learner and fight, however you know In-



sure on him maybe he should only bat and leave captaincy to someone else. He will be even more dangerous to the opposition and will win more matches for India.

Most difficult part in building a team is to find out true leader. But the practice in our country is you select a person basically on two dimensions.

1. Statistic (Average based)

2. Experience as Captain on state level or otherwise.

We seldom go and select a captain on leadership qualities e.g. Aggressiveness, Performance vision and mission, cool but agile,

international cricket is very stressful as a player or as a Captain. It shows the domestic games quality and highly politicised selection process!! Rahane may look great but definitely not a player to be trusted, even Dhoni has acknowledged it. Since Sehwag Gambhir combo, opening position is always a big trouble! And looking at the team, it looked like a t20 team! Why not try Rahul as keeper like Gilchrist? Literally except no.4 position every position is a problem now. Still we trumpet our odd wins in Asia and feel we are on the top of the world.

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## EDITORIAL

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### Indian Judiciary – the best in the world???

Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra called the Indian judiciary the “most robust in the world”. The outgoing Chief Justice made this declaration, in his farewell speech a day before he retires. He said, “Justice must have human face”. He spoke after Chief Justice of India-Designate, Justice Ranjan Gogoi, praised him saying that his greatest contribution has been to civil liberties and cited his recent verdicts in this regard. Justice Gogoi will be sworn-in as the Chief Justice of India. Justice Gogoi praised Chief Justice Misra’s illustrious career, exemplary erudition and remarkable fortitude.

Attorney-General K.K. Venugopal, the country’s topmost law officer for the government, rued how the salaries of Supreme Court and High Court judges are “far below than what an average lawyer earns”.

Now here is common man’s viewpoints about the Indian Judiciary: In our country thousands of people, who are poor and illiterate do not have access to courts or the judicial process. Many criminals who commit crimes such as murder, honor killings, mob lynching, etc. are never brought to face the law, they go away Scot free because nobody is ready to give witness in a court of law and that is because the courts cannot provide security to such witnesses who are daring or courageous to speak out against criminals. Even now, the Judiciary has not been able to stop criminals from contesting elections in our country. Even now, the Judiciary has not been able to make the political parties declare their donations.

It’s unfortunate that none of them spoke about the million cases pending in courts and many litigants having died before they could get justice. Judiciary seems to be working for elite and powerful people than an ordinary citizen. No wonder why the lawyers make millions out million pending cases. This is how our country judiciary works. Is the CJI aware of the gross delay and denial of justice to common man in India. Judges should introspect, uphold the promises they gave and detach from the clutches of criminals among the politicians.

Let us have one small thought about the Common people of this land - Is it easy for anyone from the 950 million BoP groups living in the most dilapidated 635,000 villages/ slums/settlements to ever think of Justice? How many think about them and their wretched conditions? Or is it that we all think there is no such problem at all?

The lower judiciary has been completely lost to corruption and incompetence. The High Courts and even the Supreme Court are not paragons of virtue. The appointment of judges has no transparency. The recent Master of the Roster case showed the apex court’s ugly face. The judgments of the SC increasingly are influenced by what the potential public reaction is going to be. Yet the outgoing CJI calls the Indian judiciary the most robust in the world.

## Pillai College students spread awareness about cloth bags



By Ashok Dhamija

NAVI MUMBAI: To achieve the goal of plastic free city as well as to create public awareness about it, NSS of Pillai College of Arts, Sciences and Commerce, distributed cloth bags, among villagers and Gram Panchayat members of the Gursunde Gram Panchayat.

This initiative is meant to highlight the importance of the use of cloth bags. Unit Pro-

gram Officer Kalawati Upadhyay, member Hardik Dave, volunteer students of the unit and Sarpanch Harichandra Bande took part. In this initiative, the villagers received a spontaneous response and this commendable initiative was welcomed from all levels. Members Manoj Pawar, Member Nita Mahadik, Nutan Patil, Prashti Karlekar, Pallavi Thakur and Bharat Patil, Prathamesh Patil, Ashok Malusare etc. were present.

### Thousands volunteer...

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ber, 2018 wherein socially motivated 1164 Nirankaris donated their blood. One of the camp was organized at Dnyan Vikas High School, Sector-22, Koparkhairane, Navi Mumbai saw around 132 Nirankaris donated their blood for the NMMC blood bank. The camp was organized by Local Mukhi of the Mandal Arjun Agaskar in coordination with local Sewadal Unit. Local Sector Sanyojak Manohar Sawant and Kshetriya Sanchalaks of Sewadal Arun Patil and Ashok Kerekar played major role in the arrangements. MLA Sandip Naik, Mathadi Leader Rishikant Shinde, Corporator Devidas Hande-Patil, Corporator Lilladhar Naik, Social Workers Sarjerao Sakpal, Dr. Shivdas Bhosale and Ganesh Shinde along with Bhupinder Chugh, Zonal

Incharge of the Mandal who visited the camp blessed the donor. MLA Sandip Naik appreciated the selfless services of Sant Nirankari Mission towards society. Another Blood Donation Camp was organized at Goregaon in which 594 units of blood were donated and the blood was collected by J.J.Hospital (227) Saint George Hospital (158), V.N.Desai Hospital (105) and Sant Nirankari Blood Bank (104). Local Sector Sanyojak of the Mandal S.S.Tiwari made necessary arrangements for the camp. The third blood donation camp on the same day was organized at Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan, Narangi Virar (West) wherein 438 Nirankaris donated their blood. The blood was collected by Sion Hospital (257) and Nair Hospital (181). The camp at Narangi was inaugurated by Janardan Patil, Zonal Incharge of Sant Nirankari Mandal, Nashik Zone.

### KR’s Swachhta-Hi-Sewa...

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ness. Mechanized cleaning workshops too were held at Ratnagiri and Madgaon. Stations. An awareness and registration drive was held at Ratnagiri for the contract labourers to enroll them under “Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana & Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana” in which Zonal Contractor, P-Way & Non P-Way contractors, Station House keeping contractors and Running Room Contractors actively participated. Anti-Littering notices were pasted in coaches, Running Rooms and Health Units.

C) Swachh Station: Intensive Cleanliness drive at all stations, level crossings was undertaken by Konkan Railway Officials along with their supervisors, staff, Cleaning Contract persons, vendors and station staff.

D) Swachh Railgadi: Intensive Cleaning in trains, including pantry cars and base kitchens were undertaken. Konkan Railway Officials inspected the pantry cars to ensure that food being served to passengers was being prepared in hygienic environment. Feedback was taken from passengers travelling in trains

running on Konkan Railway route.

D) Community Day / Sewa Diwas: Shramdan was done by Executives and staff in the surrounding area of station premises. NGO’s, NSS units, and students of schools and Colleges also actively contributed in the cleanliness Drive.

E) Swachh Parisar: Cleanliness drives were undertaken by Executives and staff in the Staff Railway colonies, Retiring rooms, and Dormitories. The Chairman and Managing Director/KRCL, also participated in the drive to ensure cleanliness at the stations. As an initiative for maintaining a cleaner and greener surroundings, Tree plantations drive too was undertaken over the Konkan Railway route.

F) Swachh Ahar: Intensive drive was also undertaken to ensure cleanliness at all the stalls on Konkan railway stations. Inspections were carried out by Railway officials at all the catering stalls, Base kitchens to ensure clean and hygienic food.

G) Swachh Neer: Intensive cleanliness drive and Inspections was carried out at all water installations, water supply sources at stations, offices, Railway colonies to ensure availability of Swachh Neer to passengers.

## Partial to the Rich

It seems the encounter for reward / promotion has gone a bit too far, consuming an innocent life and throwing the family of the victim into a traumatic chaos. How could a trigger hungry police not wait to confirm whom they are shooting at? Why didn't the police shoot initially at the tyre of the car, even if they suspected notorious criminals inside. There wasn't any firing on them from the car, so why the haste!!!

The case seems to have come to light more so because the "innocent" was from a higher middle class family. Had it been some ordinary aam aadmi the encounter would have gone unnoticed and the dead would surely had been passed by the media too as criminals with notorious background.

Are we as a society still more sensitive towards the financial divide!!!

The other noticeable difference is the amount and promptness in compensating the victim's family. Cash compensation, fixed deposits towards the education of kids of the dead, job for the wife etc., is good, but will similar promptness and generosity be shown by the UP government towards other false encounters, or is the government biased on that front too?

- Syed Abdul Monim, Vashi

## Bank of India – NBG - Central spreads cleanliness message through art

George Bernard Shaw has said "Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world". Kudos to Bank of India National banking Group – Central to taking lead in its 831 branches of 8 Zones of Gujarat state & MP state for having organized cleanliness drive to promote 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan', a flagship mission of the Central Government, to make people aware about the advantages of cleanliness, as the Swachh Abhiyan. All staff members participated in the Cleanliness Drive to clean the work place, Bank premises & public places as the part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. On the eve of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti NBG-Central – Ahmedabad undertook Swachha Bharat Abhiyan. Painting on cleanliness on outer wall of Navrangpura branch (Ahmedabad Zone) by students of NID. Initiation by NBG Central. It was acclaimed by pub-

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lic. Brooming at public places was also done by all staff. The same was done by all branches in Ahmedabad. GM – HR Shri M. K. Gupta from HO, GM – NBG-Central Shri Arun Kumar Jain, Ahmedabad ZM Shri B. K. Mishra, DGM – NBG Shri D. S. Shekhawat, Empanelled DGM Shri Sanker Sen, DZM Shri Milind Vaidhya and other executives participated in the event. The artists were felicitated by GM Shri Arun Kumar Jain. "Cleanliness is Godliness" had been the mantra of Mahatma Gandhi's life. In an attempt to highlight the importance of maintaining cleanliness and hygiene, a drawing competition was also held for differently abled students of Apang Manav Mandal on Swachh India mission 50 students participated and the TOP 3 entries were awarded prizes. Cleaning material for use in hostel were also given. The initiative taken by NBG-Central and its branches gives a message that cleanliness is only possible if each and every person living in India would understand this campaign their own responsibility and try to meet hands together to make it a successful mission and the practice of cleanliness must be on a regular and continuous basis as the concept of cleanliness leads to overall improvement of the credibility of institutions. Of greater importance though is the need to change the mindset of the average citizen, who thinks that cleaning public spaces is somebody else's work.

- Vinod C. Dixit, Ahmedabad

## Swachh Bharat and Gandhi Jayanthi

We have only to show the number of toilets build also to be built in the future, but unfortunately most all that is not functioning due to no water and safe sanitation system will not possible, function without water, there are lots of such thing – plastic usage that is dangerous for air pollutions are possess great danger to society – everywhere in the heart of Metro Dump yard burning polluting the environment like in many areas.

Swachh Bharat needs to be Swachh heart. Because for safe living its everyone's responsibility until unless every individual realize his responsibility and when they start themselves without comparing and maintaining cleanliness, also stop

using plastic bag for every purchase, when our government sincerely implementing safe discipline.

Had Mahatma Gandhi been alive: he would be horrified to see Indians taking a day off work. Present day India is a disgrace to his memory. Even when he was busy with so many things, he always used to find time to do so many domestic duties for himself and others. Today's Indians are obsessed with having servants for everything, so much so some even refuse to go overseas as they have to do so many, in fact all, domestic chores themselves.

Real tribute to the Mahatma: scrap the holiday on 2 October and spend the money to help the poor build themselves. India drowns in rhetoric. I am sick and tired. We have the politicians denouncing English while sending their own kith & kin to the best English medium schools like Bal Thackeray. He even changed family name from Thakre to English-sounding Thackeray!

Entire Indian media has no practice of fact checking so as not to upset the so-called VVIPs. Gandhi loved manual work including cleaning toilets and today's Indians refuse any manual work.

Why people in India not respecting other freedom fighters and great people those who fought for our nation, with par to Gandhi today is Lal Bahadur Shastri's birthday too. Why this act is still continuing? Some of the People doesn't know about Gandhi's negative side even in this century this is very ironic of our great India.

These people must make an introspection and reflect the wide gap between the motivation and values that are driving them to the teaching of the great man. All the razzmatazz and symbolic meeting of Indian national congress are nothing but pure eye wash and opportunism. Our politicians use Gandhi and his quotes only for political rhetoric's and nothing more...No body has the will and patience to understand and implement his ideas...

Today I felt very sad because there's no mention of Gandhi Jayanti on the front page of the Indian newspaper. The father of the nation and birthday has been relegated to last page. I fail to see any reason for this omission by the newspaper. Please issue an apology for failing the faith of common Indian. Mahatma Gandhiji was the one of the great human of current era, he served his life for the nation.

- C K Subramaniam, Sanpada

## Kanak's pen...

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er, after his health began to decline, he relented and started drinking goat's milk. He sometimes travelled with his goat to ensure that the milk was fresh and that he wasn't given cow or buffalo milk. Government nutritionists were called in to explain how Gandhi could go 21 days without food. No official photos of Gandhi were allowed while Gandhi was fasting, for fear of

further fuelling the push for independence. Gandhi was actually a philosophical anarchist and wanted no established government in India. He felt that if everyone adopted nonviolence they could be self-governing. Mahatma Gandhi's most outspoken political critic was Winston Churchill. Through a prearranged marriage, Gandhi was wed at age 13; his wife was one year older. Gandhi and his wife had their first child when he was 15 years old. That child

died a few days later, but the couple did have four sons before he took a vow of celibacy. Despite being famous for nonviolence and the Indian independence movement, Gandhi actually recruited Indians to fight for Britain during World War I. He opposed India's involvement in World War II.

Gandhi's wife died in prison in 1944; he was also in prison at the time of her death. Gandhi was released from prison only because he contracted malaria, and British

officials feared an uprising if he, too, died while in prison. Gandhi attended law school in London and was famous among the faculty for his bad handwriting. Mahatma Gandhi's image has appeared on all denominations of Indian rupees printed since 1996. Gandhi lived for 21 years in South Africa. He was imprisoned there many times as well. Gandhi denounced Gandhism and did not want to create a cultlike following. He also conceded that he

had "...nothing new to teach the world. Truth and nonviolence are as old as the hills." Gandhi was assassinated by a fellow Hindu on January 30, 1948, who shot him three times at point-blank range. More than two million people attended Gandhi's funeral. The epitaph on his memorial in New Delhi reads "Oh God" which are purported to be his last words. An urn that once contained Mahatma Gandhi's ashes is now at a shrine in Los Angeles.

Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, celebrated on October 2, is one of only three national holidays in India. Gandhi's birthday is known as Gandhi Jayanti in India and is commemorated with a prayer for peace, ceremonies, and with singing "Raghupathi Raghava Rajaram," Gandhi's favourite song. To honour Gandhi's message of nonviolence, the United Nations declared October 2 as the International Day of Nonviolence. This went into effect in 2007.

## Bank of Maharashtra felicitates Sweepers on the eve of Cleanliness Day

By Vijaykumar Kamble

PANVEL: Bank of Maharashtra and Panvel Municipal Corporation jointly organized cleanliness program at Sector 19, Kharghar. On this occasion, Panvel Municipal Corporation's Commissioner, Ganesh Deshmukh, Additional Commissioner, Dr. Prashant Rasal, Deputy Commissioner, Jamir Lengarekar, Chief Accounts Officer, Manojkumar Shete, Assistant Commissioner, Sham Poshetti, Medical Inspector, Daulat Shinde, Circle Officer, Bhagwan Patil, Bank of Maharashtra, Panvel's Chief Manager, D.K. Parmar, New



Panvel's Branch Manager, Vijaykumar Patil, Special Assistant & Marketing Member, Avind More and Social Activities & Bank's valued customer Pradeep Deshmukh were present.

At the outset, Sweepers (Swachhata

Dut) clean the area of Sector 19, Kharghar. The event began with cleanliness oath given by Additional Commissioner, Dr. Prashant Rasal. In the introductory speech, Bank of Maharashtra's Arvind More welcomed all the dignitaries of the Pan-

vel Municipal Corporation and all present in the event. Arvind More in nutshell spoke about Bank of Maharashtra's social works. He also told that Bank of Maharashtra is today felicitating sweepers (Swachhata Dut) because of their noble

work and gratitude is being expressed by one and all for their cleanliness work. All the dignitaries present in the event felicitated sweepers by offering them memento and flower bouquet. On this occasion Shri Satish Pardhe, Bank of Maharah-

stra's Part Time Substaff was also felicitated. The event had the presence of a big number of Panvel Municipal Corporation's officials and Bank of Maharashtra's Branch Managers, Officers and staff. Vote of thanks was proposed by Arvind More.

## Goura Ganapati of Uran



Goura Ganapati organised by Suhash Mitra Mandal, Koproli, Uran (By Tutu)

## Infinity Foundation organises Cleanliness Drive



PANVEL: To mark the 149<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, who did an exemplary job towards making India independent and giving the values of

peace and cleanliness, Infinity Foundation came up with the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' by organising a cleanliness drive. The event took place near

Adai Gaav Lake with volunteers participating. the event was graced by Mrs. Rajashree Vavekar Corporation, Panvel Municipal Corporation.

## Gandhi Jayanti and Birth Anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri celebrated



By Chandrashekhar Hendve  
NAVI MUMBAI:

Wonderland School in sector 12, Kharghar, celebrated Gandhi Jayanti by educating children about the importance of cleanliness and Ahimsa (non-

violence). They also celebrated birth anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri and educated children about Jai Jawan Jai Kisan slogan raised by former second Prime Minister. The program was followed

by singing of bhajans and speech competition for the primary section students.

Principal Archana Singh Tomar and teachers applauded the children who had participated.

## Cleanliness related Padyatra organized at Vashi



On the occasion of the birthday of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, MLA Manda Mhatre and Navi Mumbai Bharatiya Janata Party organized a cleanliness related Padyatra from Vashi Mini Seashore to Sector 9 Vashi. (By Chandrashekhar Hendve)