Illegal building of Digha to be spared

Shiv Sena claims credit for the decision

By Chandrashekhar Hendve

VASHI: The state government has agreed to regularise the estimated 95 illegal buildings standing on MIDC land in Digha, according to a spokesman of Shiv Sena.

The party leaders Thane district guardian minister Eknath Shinde and MP Rajan Vichare had taken up the matter with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Industry Minister Subhash Desai and urged them to spare the buildings and rescue the thousands of residents. Finally, the government has taken a decision to regularise them," says a note circulated by the party.

The party claims that the buyers of these houses are the victims of fraud perpetuated by some developers. "It is wrong to punish them by demolishing their homes," the party feels.

The MIDC administration had started demolishing these buildings following a Bombay high court order to the effect.

Even the opposition parties have co-operated in the matter, it goes on. Digha, which is a part of Airoli assembly constituency, is represented by NCP’s Sandeep Naik.

CIDCO gives preparatory training to PAPs

Batches leading Bank Pos and MPSCs conclude

By Chandrashekhar Hendve

CBD-BELAPUR: City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra has drawn up a programme ‘Tara’ to train PAPs for jobs in the administration as well as in the public sector banks. A batch of aspirants for each of these streams were given a send-off on Saturday.

CIDCO is giving preparatory training for PAP aspirants for Probationary Officer’s jobs in Public Sector Banks as well as those aspirants...

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Kidney awareness workshop at NMMMC hospital

NMCC hospital conducted an awareness workshop about the kidney on the occasion of World Kidney Day on 14 March, 2016. Medical Superintendent Dr Prashant Jawade conducted the workshop wherein the focus was on maintaining the health of the kidney. (By Chandrashekhar Hendve)

Waste of drinking water

Little children enjoy themselves with the pure water which they obtained by breaking the water pipe in the garden on Thane-Belapur Road at Khairane. (By Sumit Renose)
Unidentified dead body found at Shivaji Lake at Ghansoli

By Vikram Gaikwad
NAVI MUMBAI: On Friday afternoon, at Shivaji Lake at Ghansoli, an unidentified dead body was found. It appears that the man had died after getting drowned in the lake. The body of the man has not yet been identified and the police are trying to know who that person is.

The dead man appears to be around 35 years old and his dead body was found on Friday afternoon while floating in the lake. When Rabale police received the information about this, they immediately rushed to the spot and with the help of fire brigade managed to take into possession the dead body of the man. Rabale police have registered a case of sudden death and they are trying to get to know the identity of the dead man.

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Two serial house-breaking criminals arrested, two absconding

By Vikram Gaikwad
NAVI MUMBAI: Crime Branch Unit 1’s squad managed to arrest two serial thieves who would indulge in house breaking crimes during day and night in Navi Mumbai. The two accused were Nasir Muktar Husein Ansari (28) and Abdul Hakim Jamaludin Khan alias Babu alias Kancha (29). The two confessed to having committed 10 house-breaking thefts along with their other accomplices at Belapur, Sanpada, Koparkhairane, Vashi, Taloja and other places. The police managed to confiscate other places. The police then arrested the criminals and they confessed to having committed housebreaking crimes at Belapur, Sanpada, Koparkhairane, Vashi, Taloja and other places.

The rise in house-breaking crimes during both day and night in Navi Mumbai, had led to DCP Dilip Sawant of Crime Branch Unit 1 issuing an order to try and track down these serial criminals urgently. Accord- ingly, Unit-1’s senior police inspector Divas Sonawane, assistant police inspector Prithviraj Ghorpade, deputy police inspector Ghorpade, Sachin Jagtap and their squad made a desperate attempt to track down the criminals and they managed to arrest two serial house-breaking criminals Nasir Muktar Husein Ansari and Abdul Hakim Jamaludin Khan alias Babu alias Kancha. During the interrogation, the two confessed to having committed crimes at various places.

Mo-bike slips resulting in the death of rider

By Vikram Gaikwad
NAVI MUMBAI: The mo-bike which was being ridden by a youth and moving from Ghansoli towards CBD along the Palm Beach Road suddenly slipped resulting in motorcyclist sustaining serious injury to which he succumbed. This incident occurred on Friday morning near Inorbit Mall. The dead youth is Pratap Sitaram Nevage (20). Pratap Nevage was the resident of Chinachal at Ghansoli village. As usual, on Friday morning, Pratap was on his way to CBD to work on his mo-bike. At around 9.15 am, he reached near Inorbit Mall at Vashi and just at that time the speeding mo-bike slipped. Pratap fell down from the mo-bike and he sustained serious injury on his chest. He was rushed to Municipal Hospital at Vashi. During the treatment, he succumbed to his injury. Vashi police has registered this case of accident.

BJP calls for Kharghar free from hawkers

By Chandrashekhar Hendve
C B D - BELAPUR: In a curious development, the local unit of Bharatiya Janata Party has given a call for keeping the footpaths of Kharghar free from hawkers. It has asked CIDCO to remove all the hawkers ‘occupying pitches illegally’ by 15 March, 2016. Speaking on the subject, MLA Prashant Thakur said, “Our party is not against hawkers. We only oppose their occupying the pavements blocking the movement of pedestrians. We understand that CIDCO has reserved plots for hawkers but they have not yet been developed properly. We demand that the plots be developed properly and the hawkers rehabilitated therein.”

The party has threatened to launch an agitation in case the footpaths are not freed from hawkers.

One dies and other sustains injury in a strange accident

By Vikram Gaikwad
NAVI MUMBAI: A strange accident took place on Thursday night at Sanpada Sector 30 and in this accident, a person working in a Courier Company lost his life while the other sustained injury. Sanpada police have arrested the vehicle driver who was responsible for this accident and registered a criminal case against him.

The person who died in this accident is Basarudin Kutubudin Ansari (26) and the injured person is Dinesh Kumar Mahendra Roy (20). Both were working in the Courier Company at Sanpada Sector 30. The person who died, Basarudin Ansari, in fact was residing in the Courier office. On Thursday at 11.45 pm, they had finished delivering couriers at various places on their tempo. To transfer the couriers which they had to distribute in various places at Mumbai from tempo to the pick up jeep, the two vehicles were parked facing opposite direction. After that Basarudin and Dinesh Kumar were doing the job of transferring the couriers from tempo to pick up jeep. Just at that time a speeding Sumo Gold Jeep was moving at full speed from Vashi railway station towards Sanpada railway station. The driver of the jeep lost control over the vehicle and it hit with full force the pick up jeep parked in front of Courier office. Pick up jeep in turn hit hard the Sumo Jeep.
By Ashok Dhamija

NAVI MUMBAI: Hosts Maharashtra’s youthful side tripped at the final hurdle against the experienced Services side, that rallied well to overcome a 0-1 deficit in the final of the 70th National Football Championships conducted by WIFA under the auspices of AIFF, and played at the SEC Railway ground, Nagpur, on Sunday afternoon. Powered by a brilliant brace of India international Arjun Tudu in space of 11 minutes, the defending champions Services won the summit clash 2-1 to annex the Santosh Trophy for the fourth time in space of five years.

The home team which included three Navi Mumbai players made it to the final after 11 long years took the lead through Mohamad Shahbaz Pathan in the 15th minute of the first half. The energetic striker Tudu led Services strong comeback and first hit the target in the 26th minute and once again found the net in the 37th minute to secure a win for his team. The champions Services received the coveted Santosh Trophy and the winners’ cheque of Rs five lakh from Mr. Devendra Fadnavis, the Honourable Chief Minister of Maharashtra. Runners’up Maharashtra received a cash prize of Rs three lakh.

“Services showed plenty of resilience and despite conceding early they managed to come back and win the match. On the other hand, our team which received lot of support from the local crowd, did well to control the match, especially in the second period and there were anxious moments for the visitors who were reduced to 10 men in the 88th minute. We however failed collectively to put it across and that’s what more disappointing. The experience will certainly stand good for the young team in coming years” said Mr. Devendra Fadnavis, the Honourable Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

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“The changes that have come about in the banking system makes it necessary for Cooperative banks to receive help. The banking sector is undergoing a tough time in our country,” said Apna Bank’s president Dattaram Chalke. He was speaking during the event organized to inaugurate the Mulund West branch and Airoli branch of the bank.

He further said, “In our country, the payment banks, private banks etc are coming up. Also the post offices have started banking system. Under such circumstances, the importance of cooperative banks has increased.”

The Mulund West branch was the 63rd one and 50th one under the leadership of Chalke. Airoli branch was the 64th branch. Both the branches were inaugurated by Chalke.

Chalke informed that the bank has done a business of Rs 4800 crores and ever since the bank has been considered as belonging to scheduled category, the bank has been progressing rapidly. He was hopeful that the bank would reach the target of 5000 crores by the end of March 2016. He was confident that my youngsters will play to their potential and fight hard to get us the desired results. Unfortunately we could not capitalize on our home advantage and were let down by some poor finishing. Had we converted those chances, the score line would have been different”, shared Augusto Pathan in the 15th minute and 50th one under the leadership of Chalke. Airoli branch was the 64th branch. Both the branches were inaugurated by Chalke.

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Save energy

I went in the morning to do some work and what I found was shocking. In the broad sunlight at 8 am all the roadside lamp posts were on. I could not understand that when we are facing load shedding, why are we putting ourselves into so much inconvenience? How can the government be so careless?

Now when the energy is so scarce we should have to understand the ways to conserve energy. Saving energy means power plants don’t need to make as much electricity – and that means less climate-warming pollution from the fossil fuels used to generate it. So not only will you lower your utility bills, you can help the planet by implementing these simple steps in your home for free, or at very little cost: Adjust your TV — Although today’s flat-panel televisions use far less energy than previous models, you may well use more energy than your big screen TV alone (especially true for DVR set-top boxes). But the industry is working hard to bring more efficient versions to the market. Change your computer settings — A typical desktop computer and monitor running 24/7 wastes more in electricity than when the devices are off. Adjust control-panel settings for the screen to turn off after 15 minutes of inactivity and for the computer to power down after 30. Be sure to set the screen to turn off, not to display a continuously running slide show or screen saver because these use a lot of energy.

See the light (bulb) — replacing old, inefficient light bulbs with new energy-saving versions can lead to big savings. LED bulbs are a good investment because they can save more over their lifetime. Watch that washer and dryer — with new detergents designed to work in cold water, select that setting for all but the dirtiest loads, and your clothes won’t come out as wet, requiring less drying time and energy. If you’re only doing one load and not in a hurry, pick dryer settings like Eco mode or energy saver – they typically save energy by using lower temperatures but take a little longer. With a large load of different fabrics, pop open the door about two-thirds through the cycle and pull out dry items: Thinner fabrics work in cold water, select detergents designed to serve energy. Savings even more. Go to your TV’s picture set-up menu and choose the “home” or “standard” screen setting – the “vivid” or “retail” settings are unnecessarily bright and burn up to 20 percent more power. Don’t forget to disable the “quick start” function that allows your TV to boot up a few seconds faster, but eats significantly more power during the 19 hours or so when your TV is in standby mode but not being used.

Check your set-top box — The set-top box hooked up to your television to deliver pay-TV services from cable and satellite companies may well use more energy than your big screen TV alone (especially true for DVR set-top boxes). But the industry is working hard to bring more efficient options to the market. Change your computer settings — A typical desktop computer and monitor running 24/7 wastes more in electricity than when the devices are off. Adjust control-panel settings for the screen to turn off after 15 minutes of inactivity and for the computer to power down after 30. Be sure to set the screen to turn off, not to display a continuously running slide show or screen saver because these use a lot of energy.

Time and again people from all walks of life write about the dwindling population of sparrows and nothing has been done to increase its presence just like in case of Tiger. The ‘Save Tiger Campaign’ assumed greater importance and small bird like sparrow is totally forgotten all the while. The issue related to sparse population of sparrows in Mumbai in general and in Navi Mumbai in particular has been talked about at length every time and no concrete step have been taken by the bird lovers so far. The hue and cry couple of years and the writing is on the wall. As a resident of Sanpada, Millennium Tower sector 9, I am on a mission to protect sparrows by providing Bamboo garden within the complex and the surroundings to help fresh water and the inmates of the Tower feed the birds to make them more friendly with the people here.

Sheer Beauty

The image below is called fire rainbows, a rare phenomenon captured during a take-off at Mumbai airport. Fire rainbows are a rare phenomenon that only occur when the sun is higher than 58 degree above the horizon and its light passes through cirrus clouds mode of ice crystals. (By Jayanthy Subramaniam of Sanpada)
CR to extend run of Weekly Specials between Mumbai – Lucknow / Kazipet

By Ashok Dhamija

MUMBAI: Central Railway (CR) has decided to extend the run of Lokmanya Tilak Terminus-Lucknow AC Superfast Weekly & Lokmanya Tilak Terminus-Kazipet Weekly Specials trains on the same timings & halts to clear the extra rush of passengers. The details are as under:

(A) Lokmanya Tilak Terminus-Lucknow AC Superfast Weekly Specials

Train No. 22104 Special will leave TT, Mumbai at 14.20 hrs o’clock every Saturday from 2 to 30 April, 2016 (Five trips) and arrive Lucknow at 13.45 hrs next day. On its return journey 02108 special will leave Lucknow at 16.20 hrs o’clock every Saturday from 2 to 30 April, 2016 (Five trips) and arrive TT, Mumbai at 17.30 hrs next day. The eighteen coaches AC Superfast Weekly Specials includes One First AC, O’ne First AC cum AC-2 Tier, 11 AC-3 Tier, Four AC-2 Tier & One Pantry Car. Halts en-route includes Thane, Kalyan, Nasik Road, Jalgaon, Bhusaval, Haribgjanj, Jhans, Orali and Kapur stations.

(B) Lokmanya Tilak Terminus-Kazipet (Fully Reserved) Weekly specials

Train No. 01093 special will LTT, Mumbai at 11.30 hrs o’clock every Friday from 1 to 29 April, 2016 (Five trips) and arrive Kazipet at 15.00 hrs next day. On its return journey 01094 special will leave Kazipet at 17.45 hrs o’clock every Saturday from 2 to 30 April, 2016 (Five trips) and arrive LTT, Mumbai at 23.15 hrs next day. The sixteen coaches Weekly Specials includes One AC-2 Tier, Seven Sleeper Class & Six Second Class. Halts en-route includes Thane, Karjat, Igatpuri, Nasik Road, Manmad, Nagarsol, Lasur, Aurangabad, Jalna, Parbhani, Pursnana, Hazur Sahib Nanded, Muldhukhed, Bhokri, Harimaynagar, Kinwat, Adilabad, Pimpalkhuti, Wani, Majri Khadad, Chandrapur, Balharshah, Sirpur kagaznagar, Bellampalli, Manchiryal, Ramagundam, Peddapalli and Jamikunta stations.

Banking sector...

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that, Reserve Bank gave permission to open five more branches, he added. He concluded that in a short time Apna Bank would have 85 branches.

Manmad – Mumbai Rajya Rani Express to have provisional halt at Thane

By Ashok Dhamija

MUMBAI: Ministry of Railways has decided to provide provisional halt to Train No. 22102 Manmad – Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus Mumbai Rajya Rani Express at Thane station (in UP direction only) on experimental basis for a period of six months with effect from 17 March, 2016. The Train No. 22102 will arrive Thane at 09.18 hrs and leave at 09.19 hrs for onward journey. Passengers to please note and avail of the facility.

Leading it all the way down

Raj Thackeray is in the news for calling his supporter to burn the new auto rikshaws many of which are believed to have been owned by ‘outsiders’. His party activists also attacked a BJP leader who challenged his ideology and criticized his call. Both are affairs to be left out but the question is: what can be done to contain it? Many would say that it must be faced politically, MNS should be defeated politically. But the defeat in the last election has not helped to end his threats. Earlier, it was Shiv Sena which used to resort to muscle flexing on every occasion. If people sponsored by the Sena were not recruited to specific jobs, they would resort to rioting. The irony is that the Congress, which was at the help when the Sena was raising its head, had lent tacit support to it. At the heart of hearts, the Congress too supported the cause for which Sena stood for.

Incidentally, no one is talking of intolerance when all this is happening. As actor Anupam Kher put it, when two and half lakh Pandits were being pushed out of Kashmir, no one called it intolerance. When one student leader is arrested for patently anti-national cries, it is characterized as intolerance.

A large part of the problem has its roots in our electronic media. Today, it is possible of swaying public opinion one way or the other. In Hyderabad, the student who committed suicide has left a note saying that no one should be held responsible for his death. But neither the media nor the secural political parties are willing to give it any weightage. They continue to cry discrimination. Repeating the charge over popular media day in and day out, makes ordinary people believe that it is true. The irony is that all sorts of ideas are being paraded in the name of secularism. That is tragic for the country. All that one wishes to say is that the country’s politics are being led down-hill. Or, have they already reached the nadir?

Save sparrows...

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During summer season also such cool atmosphere encourages sparrows to survive and make hay at Millenium Towers and they never feel the absence of sparrows even though there is news always about dwindling population. As compared to previous year, the number of birds suffering from dehydration and dying has gone up and the cases are being detected much sooner than expected during this time of the year. We have the luxury and choice of establisements and liquids to beat the sweltering heat, but our feathered friends across the city are feeling affected by adverse effects of an early summer.

Summer season is more energetical for birds and we should take up the case of sparrows from dying under the sweltering heat this season. Save Sparrow Campaign and remedial steps will do a world of good rather than just make a mention of the dwindling population of sparrows all the time. It is time to save sparrows just like Tigers. That is my clarion call.

South Africa...

was a good outing for the both the sides who experimented with their batting and bowling with an intention to get some match practice in front of the capacity crowd. India will kick off their Super 10s campaign of the World Twenty20 Cup with their first match against New Zealand in Nagpur today, while the Proteas will play a local XI side at CCI in Mumbai in their final warm up game.

Brief scores: South Africa 196/9 (Quinton de Kock 56*, JP Duminy 67; Mohammed Shami 3/7, Jaspreet Bumrah 5/12). India 211/7 (Rohit Sharma 61, Hardik Pandya 3/66) beat India 192/3 (Shikhar Dhawan 73*, Suresh Raina 41*; MS Dhoni 30*) by 4 runs.

Results (Final): Maharashtra (Mohamed Shabaz Pathan 15th) lost to Services (Arjun Tudu 26th, 37*) (HT 1-2). Player of the final: Arjun Tudu (Services).

One dies and...

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which was parked behind the both Basurinad and Dineshkumar got stuck up between the two vehicles and sustained serious injury. The two were rushed to Municipal Hospital at Vashi. While they were undergoing treatment, Basurinad, has been arrested. Shabaz Pathan, Mohamed Shaifique, Owais Khan (Nagpur) and Rahul Talekar (Kolhapur).
Two unidentified decomposed bodies found

By Tutu

KHALAPUR: The Kh Kaplan police found two unidentified decomposed bodies on Sunday afternoon. The two bodies were found in the Navnde village forest area along Kajrat-Khopholi railway track. The post mortem of the male body was done but female body was delayed for hours due to unavailability of female doctor or one more male doctor as per required procedure. Later the same was completed.

“The Navnde village Sarpanch had informed us about the two unidentified decomposed bodies two km inside the forest area. Our police team went there and investigation is on,” said Kh Kaplan police station cop S S Rajmane.

The post mortem of the male body (35 years) has been done. However, in absence of female doctor or one more male doctor the post mortem of the female body (30 years) could not be done. We have asked the police and authorities to arrange the same. From their dress it seems they are tribals. They would bring firewood from outside and sell them and reside on the hill. The duo were chronic alcoholic which was what the locals told us. Their viscera sample will be sent for chemical analysis,” said Kh Kaplan PHC Medical Officer Dr Balaprasad Choure.

Speeding truck injures motorcyclist and kills pillion rider

By Vikram Gaikwad

NAVI MUMBAI: A motorcycle moving from Koparkhairane towards Pawane MIDC was hit with full force by a speeding truck leading to the female pillion rider coming under the wheels of the truck and dying instantly. Her son who was riding the two wheeler sustained serious injury. This incident occurred on Saturday morning at Pawane MIDC. Turbhe MIDC police have arrested the truck driver and registered criminal case against him.

The woman who lost her life in this accident is Darshana Dushrath Medekar (54). Her son who sustained injury is Abhishek Medekar. Darshana Medekar who was residing at Koparkhairane Sector 2 was working in a company at Pawane MIDC. On Saturday at 9am, she was on her way to work. Her son Abhishek had given her lift on his two wheeler. Darshana Medekar along with her son was on the way to Pawane MIDC and just at that time a speeding truck moving towards Turbhe hit their motorbike with full force. Darshana Medekar who was the pillion rider fell down and her head came under the wheels of the truck resulting in her instant death. Abhishek too sustained injury especially on his hand and he is undergoing treatment in the hospital, informed assistant police inspector Tadwi. After this incident, Turbhe MIDC police registered a criminal case against the truck driver Aklim Fardeen Khan (30) and arrested him.

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Village which supplies vegetables bans hawkers in Raigad

By Tutu

ROHRA/RAIGAD: Famous for vegetable supply to Mumbai, Raigad, Nashik etc the Bahe village of Devkane grampam chayat, Roha Raigad has banned the entry of hawkers in to its village. The ban came in to effect a month ago following sporadic incidences of theft, house breaking etc cases from the village. The village committee has decided to ban the entry of hawkers and installed banner at the entrances of the village. Since then the theft and house break cases in the village has come down to nil.

“Most of the villagers are working in their fields. Villagers go out of their village to sell their vegetables at various places. Only women and children stay during the night in the village. Over the last several months a large number of thefts and house breaking cases have been reported. Owing to police inaction and left with no other option the ban is imposed on the hawkers who seems to be a threat to our security,” said a resident Nandkumar Maravade.

It is suspected that hawkers are keeping track of our village and are involved in theft. Few armed people were seen one night during a theft. Repeated theft cases including bike theft and house break-ins forced to ban hawkers entry to our village. Since then not a single case of theft or house break-ins have been reported,” said the village deputy sarpanch Ganesh Pawar.

Longitudinal gutter line on Pagote bridge of NH-4B joining JNPT threatens motorists

By Tutu

URAN: A longitudinal gutter line from the bridge for the other end barring a few spots is noticed on the Pagote Bridge on NH-4B that joins Panvel with JNPT. The vital bridge serves majority of the container traffic that moves on the NH-4B to the three terminals at the JNPT. Besides the same, Pagote village and other villages of the Uran taluka use the bridge for their connectivity on either side.

“A longitudinal gutter line is noticed in the midst of the bridge. The two lane bridge serves the movement of vehicles that move to the port premises and return besides the buses serving the people. However, people have to be totally careful while driving on the Pagote bridge. We had written to the NHAI, their toll and road maintenance companies but to no avail,” said Atul Bhagat, a nearby resident.

“It is a threat to the vehicles and also life in turn. The movement of heavy vehicles is the main cause of eruption of potholes and longitudinal gutter line on the bridge. Ignoring the timely repairing works by NHAI adds to the woes,” he alleged.

As per the National Highways Authority of India officials, the bridge was constructed around 2002. Till date the same has not been repaired properly except that some coating work has been done to fill up the potholes. “Our traffic survey conducted in 2014 found out that approximately 59600 passenger car unit (PCU) a metric unit of vehicles) vehicles are plying daily on the NH-4B. This traffic is informed by a NHAI manager.

“The NH-4B Bridge at Pagote has a longitudinal gutter line. If we have to carry out the repairing work then traffic has to be closed for few days. The wearing coat of the bridge is also damaged and needs repairing. However, keeping in mind the traffic movement to the port area we will take some steps to address the problem,” said a NHAI Project Management level official.

“Bridges will come on both sides of the bridge keeping in mind the highway expansion work to be commenced soon. Then conducting the repairing work in future will become easy,” he added.
Dream high and you will succeed -
Former Dy. Governor of RBI

Vsisters celebrates its fifth anniversary

By Ashok Dhamija
NAVI MUMBAI: The fifth annual function of Vsisters, an all-women organization of Navi Mumbai was held on Sunday at the Vashi based Kannada Sangeet Hall. The entertaining three-hour cultural evening included a mix of dances, drama, songs, skit, quiz etc. enthralled the august gathering from Navi Mumbai, Mumbai and Thane who had gathered on the momentous occasion.

‘Dream high and you can definitely achieve it,’ said Chief Guest Kishori Udeshi, former Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India who earlier had lighted the ceremonial lamp in presence of Guest of Honour Sudha Pai, President GSB Sabha, Mumbai & also a former Reserve Bank of India. "The results can help you to work harder and achieve success," Kishori Udeshi related her own example and spoke about the origin of the community, of making a suitable clear cut will for the heirs when a person dies. She touched upon various topics before giving away the prizes for the competitions held during the year. Sudha Pai, the Guest of Honour also spoke on the occasion and congratulated the Vsisters for their numerous social engagements for the benefit of the mankind and activities undertaken throughout the year.

Savitha Joshy compered the programme with elan while Savitha Nayak proposed the vote of thanks.

“The theme of the evening was five and everything was done in five. The three-hour cultural extravaganza included interesting and innovative items which included a group dance and solo dances by the members, monoacting, children’s programmes, devotional songs and quiz was witnessed by over 160 member of the audience. Askit, ‘Wireless’ consisting of group of women who gossip and make a mountain out of a molehill was staged on the occasion, had the audience in raptures. The fifth question of the skit was on ghanchikas (five ladies) viz. Sita, Tara, Ahalya, Draupadi and Mandodari. The participants came appropriately dressed up as one of those and spoke one liners on the five kanayas which was highly appreciated" shared Vee-ma Adige, founder member of the Vsister.

Chief Guest Kishori Udeshi felicitates Sobah Mallya for being the winner of the quiz contest

Distinguished on dias (L to R) Kishori Udeshi, Sudha Pai and Savitha Nayak enjoy the occasion.

Members of Vsisters render devotional songs in their melodious voice

Kapil Rajput and five others held in PNB cheating case

By Vikram Gaikwad
SANPADA: Kapil Rajput, Director of Gokul group of companies and five others have been arrested in connection with a case in which Vashi branch of Punjab National Bank was cheated to the tune of Rs 9.5 crores. Eleven luxury cars of various make have been seized.

The case came to light when Vashi branch of Punjab National Bank lodged a complaint that Kapil Rajput and his associates have taken a loan of Rs 9.5 crores from the bank and defaulted on repayment.

During investigations, it came to light that they had similarly cheated other banks to the tune of a whopping Rs 306 crores. They had splurged the money in the purchase of 24 luxury cars, among others.

Out of the 11 cars mentioned above, one was being used by Kapil Rajput himself, on by his wife, one by his brother, Mithilesh Rajput, one by a former President of Panvel Municipal Council, Sunit Mohod, one by a customs officer, Santosh Talpade and one by his Chartered Accountant Dipesh Thakkar. Thirteen cars said to be in various other places outside Maharashtra are yet to be traced.

When the city police tried to arrest the main accused Rajput, they learnt that he is already in police custody in connection with Rs 6.5 crore cheating case. The accused are wanted in 12 different cheating cases, it is learnt.

The police are now trying to find out if some bank officials are involved in the fraud.

The group had opened 13 different companies with the help of which they were able to get some of the cars transferred into their own names. “All the cars will be handed over to Punjab National Bank when they are seized,” said DCP (Crime) Dilip Sawant.

Waheeda, another scammer

Bhilwara: Waheeda, a resident of Malvi Sadan in Sector-29, had allegedly killed herself on Saturday night.

The victim, Ankit Tripathi (28) lived with her husband at Aai Mauli Sadan in Sector-5, Sanpada. She was under stress for not being able to bear children even after several years of marriage. On Saturday, when her husband was away, she is reported to have hanged herself with a piece of cloth.

Sapada police are investigating.

CIDCO gives…

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ing for UPSC and MPSC examinations under a programme called ‘CIDCO Tara’. Sixty students attended the course leading to MPSC and 22 leading to bank PO’s. All the candidates were given a formal test on 13 March, 2016. “The results of these tests will be out in 15 days,” says an announcement by the Corporation. The results can be checked from www.cidco.pap.cgg.gov.in