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Simhastha Kumbh Mela 2015-16 begins



Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, State Finance Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar, District Guardian Minister Girish Mahajan and his wife are performing religious rituals at Ramkund on the banks of River Godavari, Nashik, while NMC Mayor Ashok Murtadak, Deputy Mayor Gurmeet Bagga, MLA Devyani Pharande are seen giving the momentous to Chiel Minister.

The biggest religious gathering of the Hindus on the earth - Simhastha Kumbh Mela 2015-16 began with enthusiasm and religious fervour here at Nashik on the banks of River Godavari and Trimbakeshwar. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh attended the flag-hoisting ceremony at Trimbakeshwar whereas Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis performed the flag-

hoisting at Ramkund in Panchavati to mark the beginning of the religious fair. Shri Panchadashnam Juna Akhada Peethadhishwar Acharya Mahamandaleshwar 1008 Shri Shri Swami Avdheshanandgiriji Maharaj presided over the function. State Rural Deveopment and Water Conservation Minister Pankaja Munde, Power Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule,

Akhil Bharatiya Shaddarshan Akhada Parishad president Mahant Narendragiriji Maharaj, Mahant Sagarandaji Sarswati, Shaddarshan Akhada Mahamantri Mahant Hargiriji Maharaj, Mahant Rajendrasigh Maharaj, vice president Mahant Nirmalsingh Maharaj, spokesperson Dr Bindu Maharaj, Mahant Naisargika Swami, Juna Akhada Mahant

Premgiriji Maharaj, Narayangiri Maharaj, Niranjana Akhada Mahant Ashishgiriji Maharaj, Mahanirvani Akhada Mahant Rameshgiriji Maharaj, Anand Akhada's Mahant Shankaranand Saraswati Maharaj, Atal Akhada's Mahant Udaygiriji Maharaj, Mahant Satishgiriji Maharaj, Agni Akhada's Mahant Durganandji Maharaj, Mahant Raghugiriji Maharaj,

Mahant Premanand Maharaj, MP Harishchandra Chavan, MLA Nirmala Gavit, Trimbakeshwar Municipal Council President Anagha Phadke, Vice President Santosh Kadam, Trimbakeshwar Purohit Sangh President Jayant Shikhare, District Collector Deependrasingh Kushwah and NMC Commissioner Dr. Praveen Gedam were present on the occasion.

NMC initiates the Smart City movement



Nashik: A proposal to include Nashik Municipal Corporation in smart city scheme, declared by Central government was approved recently in General Body Meeting.

In view of this, primary level work of the scheme has begun. Meeting with the office bearers of various components in the city was held under Nashik Municipal Commissioner Dr. Praveen Gedam. Crisil's Abhay Kantak and ITDP's Harshad Abhyankar informed about smart city. Discussions were held on the conditions of the central government for

participation in the scheme and the necessary preparations by NMC for this. As this scheme is dependent on many components, it is essential to include all components, it was clarified.

NIMA, AIMA, CREDAI, IMA, Nashik Bar Association, Engineering Cluster, NICE, Architects Association, Kumbhthon representatives, Laghu Udyog Bharati, Nashik Citizens' Forum, Architects and Builders Association, Rickshaw/Taxi Union and City Traffic Police Branch representatives took part in the meeting.

It has been decided to

conduct a meeting with Mayor, Deputy Mayor, office bearers and corporators, office bearers of various organisations from the city and government officials next week.

Information about format of Smart City scheme, handling of the scheme by Central govt, how and where the scheme is to be implemented in the city, etc will be discussed in the meeting. Additional Municipal Commissioner Anil Chavan, Jeevan Sonawane, City Engineer Sunil Khune and other officials were present for the meeting.

GIS survey of properties in Nashik from October

The civic body is planning to conduct Geographic Information Survey (GIS) of its properties in the city from October. The survey will be conducted to tag registered and unregistered properties in a bid to increase the revenue of the Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) through property tax. Additional Municipal Commissioner Jivan Sonawane said, "We will soon

launch a project of mapping properties in the limits of the municipal corporation by using GIS technology. We delayed the project in view of the forthcoming Kumbh mela. We will attach information of all registered properties across the city. Besides, we will also be able to identify properties which have yet not been registered. This will help us increase our revenue by recovering taxes from unregistered properties."

NMC to appoint more women security guards

Taking a serious note about the incidents like theft of newborn babies from hospitals, dispensaries and maternity homes; the Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) has decided to appoint women security guards. Learning a lesson from the past incidents of thefts of newborns in the state, the NMC wants to appoint 77 women security guards. The NMC plans to appoint 24

women guards in Bytco hospital, 14 in Dr Zakir Hussain hospital at Old Nashik, 14 in Indira Gandhi hospital at Panchavati, 4 in Shri Swami Samarth hospital in /Morwadi and 3 each in Gangapur and Sinnar Phata hospital, Jijamata maternity home, Mico hospital in Panchvati, Mico maternity home in Satpur, maternity home in Dasak-Panchak and Upnagar maternity home.

2000 quality checks of Kumbh works inspected by NMC

Nashik Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dr Pravin Gedam had announced earlier that quality of the Kumbh works would be



were to be completed, quality checks were applied right from checking the raw material even before the works began. The inspectors visited the

inspected with the help of a third, independent agency instead of the in-house administrative machinery.

Accordingly, 2000 quality checks were conducted by Government Poly technique, K K Wagh Engineering college and Public Works Department. NMC went even further and instead of checking the quality of works after they

stone crushers and mines and standardised the gradation of metal as well. Before the work of asphaltting began the officials checked whether the metal were as per the standards set earlier. The raw material was tested at the Government Poly Technique at Samangaon, near Eklahare.

Now, per hour fees to be charged at parking lots in city



The NMC has adopted many new measures to increase its income and it reflects a little too much on the parking lot contracts.

For the first time, the NMC administration has decided not to implement the auction process for the contracts and has invited offers from the contractors.

The NMC implements auction process for parking lots on open lands of NMC every year. This process has been a sore point for the NMC administration on many occasions in the past. However, this time, the NMC has invited offers from contractors instead of implementing the regular auction process. As the duration of the parking lot contracts will end on June 30, the NMC administration has invited offers for parking lots at constructed property under Annashastry Datar clinic and Survey Number 807 land on Indiranagar Jogging Track in Nashik East division; area from Government Girls School to CIDCO

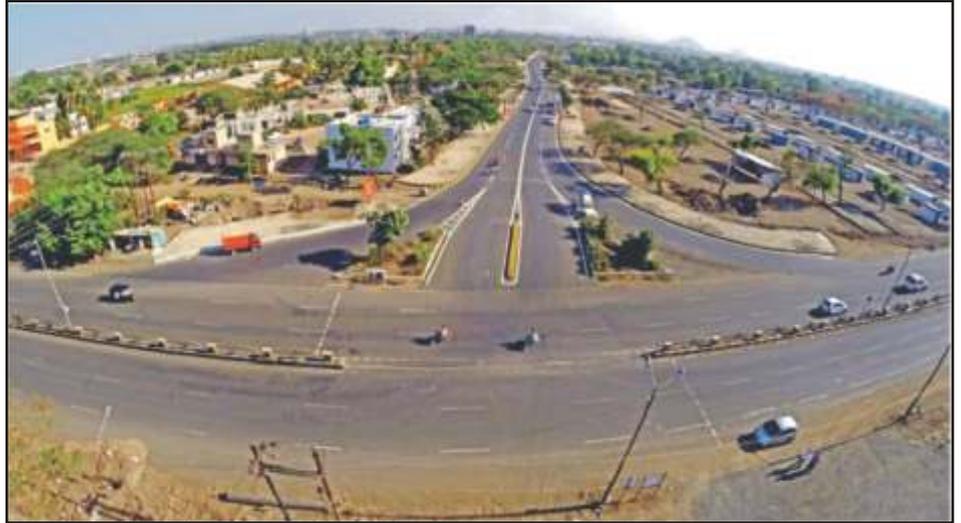
auto-rickshaw stand and open space in BD Bhalekar High School in Nashik West division; Mhasoba Patangan (ground) land between Gadge Maharaj Bridge and Ramsetu Bridge and open space in front of Chatusampraday Akahada under Ahilyabai Holkar Bridge in Panchavati division; land along side the road towards Godavari river waterfall in Gangapur Shivar in Satpur division and land alongside the compound of Muktidam and Somani Garden in Nashik Road division.

While inviting offers for these parking lots, the NMC has also decided the fees for parking of vehicles. This fees will be charged on an hourly basis. Vehicle - Fees per hour (in Rs)

Car / jeep / taxi - 10.00
Auto-rickshaw, three-wheeler vehicles - 10.00
Two-wheelers - 05.00
Bicycle - 02.00
Bus- 20.00

Truck & Tempo - Rs 20 for four hours and Rs 50 up to 24 hours Parking.

Ring road, beautification of dividers, traffic islands, Footpaths towards completion



Beautification work of dividers, traffic islands, footpaths, signboards are almost in the last phase informed City Engineer Sunil Khune. Though the works of road widening and asphaltting of roads are almost on the completion phase, trees are turning out to be hurdles at some places. The Court has given permission to the felling of some trees, but it has also denied the permission to felling of any banyan, pipal and jamun trees. Therefore, the road widening work at Gangapur Road and Dindori Road are stalled. The construction works of internal and external ring roads is almost completed. Construction works for many new bridges are also under-way and the new ring roads are all set to give a facelift to the city. The beautification work of road dividers and traffic islands undertaken by the

administration is with the help of sponsors.

Public Works Department (PWD) of Nashik Municipal Corporation have claimed that it has completed road widening work of 102 kilometers of city roads and that 95 per cent work of the five proposed works is completed as well. Crores of devotees will visit Nashik during Simhastha Kumbh Mela and therefore, to ensure smooth commutation in city Simhastha apex committee had sanctioned Rs 462 crore for road widening and the construction of new roads. Works such as internal roads of 18.60 kilometre, middle ring roads of 2.8 kilometres, outer ring roads of 20.30 kilometre, central roads of 39.75 kilometres and roads leading to the river of 25.74 kilometre. When NMC's PWD undertook the construction

and road widening works of roads, many doubts were raised about its quality. Considering the huge cry over the quality of the newly constructed roads, NMC Commissioner Dr Praveen Gedam tested 22 ongoing works for 2500 times. The institution which conducted the quality checks of these works include KK Wagh Engineering College, Maharashtra Engineering Research Institute and state public works department among others. As most of the works of proposed ring roads have been completed, such roads are now open for regular traffic. These roads have provided a big respite from heavy traffic jams and have given a facelift to the city as well. Five proposed bridges at Nandur Naka, Indraprastha, Deolali village, Nashik-Takali road and Tapowan link road are also nearly complete.

Rent for NMC shops as per ready reckoner rate

The Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) Standing Committee rejected the proposal to implement auction process for 1,287 shops of NMC whose agreement period has ended.

The standing committee also took the decision to charge rent as per the ready reckoner to the concerned shop-keepers. It also decided to give five year extension instead of three years to the agreement. Standing Committee Chairperson Shivaji Chumbhle gave orders to seal the shops of defaulters

and find out sub-tenants in these shops and evict them.

Commissioner Dr Praveen Gedam had tabled the proposal to conduct public auction of the shops owned by the NMC, charging rent for these shops as per the ready reckoner and giving these shops on rent for 15 years, before the standing committee five months ago. During many meetings, no discussion was held on the proposal and it was deferred. Commissioner Dr Gedam tabled the proposal before the standing committee once again..

During the discussion over the proposal, a concept of "One individual-one shop" was proposed, also demanded action against sub-tenants.

In reply, Deputy Commissioner Rohidas Bahiram accepted that the rent for shops is less and clarified that to avoid such practices, there was proposal to implement the auction process.

"The concept of Palika Bazaar was also implemented to make available employment to unemployed youths.

NMC participates in International Yoga Day

On the occasion of international "Yoga Day" Nashikites across the city and countless people from the district participated enmasse and performed Yoga today. The District Administration, Nashik Municipal Corporation, all government agencies, educational institutions and many associations had organised Yoga practice across the district from around 6 in the morning today. Interestingly, people gave a spontaneous

response to the collective Yoga practice. District Collector Deependra Singh Kushwah, Mayor Ashok Murtagad, MLA Seema Hiray participated in the Yoga practice sessions held at Thakkar Dome near City Center Mall, ABB Circle. The Yoga practice sessions were organised under the auspices of union government's Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Nehru Youth Center in association with Yog Vidya Gurukul.

Proposal to increase education quality in NMC schools

Intelkey Systems & Solution Pvt Ltd, a Pune-based company has presented the proposal to increase educational quality of students in Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) schools and develop employment capabilities in them. The company gave presentation of the project to NMC officials. The NMC, has given hints of implementing the project in some NMC schools on experimental basis.

leader Shashikant Jadhav, Deputy Commissioner Dattatray Gotise and NMC School Board Administration Officer Vasudha Kurnawal were present.

"The company has created methods to develop intellectual capacity of the students as per the government's education policy.

"These methods have been developed as per the level of the school. Teachers will be made aware with these methods through computer. Later, trained teachers will develop capacities among students with the help of these methods. Immediate valuation of students' performance will be made and they will be given the report card after a year. The progress of the students can be monitored on-line also. The expenditure for this per day per student is Re one. If the NMC approves the project, it will be implemented in some NMC schools," he added.

The company works for developing job skills and increasing educational quality of students in municipal corporation and municipal council schools since last eight years. The company officials met MNS chief Raj Thackeray for implementation of the project in NMC schools. The company director Mukund Bhagwat gave complete information about the project to NMC administration at "Ramayan", the official resident of the Mayor. On the occasion, former house

City gets new roads of 105 kms

On the occasion of Kumbh Mela, new roads measuring 105 kilometers have been laid down by the civic administration. Nashik Municipal Corporation had to spend Rs 462 crore for this gigantic task. The outer and inner ring roads built by NMC will enable the citizens to reach any corner of the city from any point within half an hour. Now, one has to cross the entire city to reach the farthest end. Apart from



saving time the ring roads will also enable the citizens to save fuel and cause less pollution. The ring roads will also bring down the rate of road mishaps. Apart from roads five new bridges also are constructed at Tapovan Dream city, Takli village, Vihitgaon, Nandur Naka and Indraprastha.

Fund from finance commission on the basis of 'Saptapadi' : CM



Nashik: State government will provide fund through 14th finance commission for development oriented works in three level structure. Fund to the district will be provided on the basis how effectively the project 'Saptapadi Swachhatechi' was implemented, declared state Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

Town development department organised a workshop 'Saptapadi Swachhatechi' in Dr. Munje Institute, Bhonsala military school. At the concluding programme of the workshop Chief Minister said that progress of the state would not take place without environment friendly cities. There is a need to focus on basic facts to make the city beautiful. 20,000 tonnes of waste is generated every day in the state. 13,000 tonnes of waste has collected. Out of this only 1300 tonnes of waste has been processed, he lamented.

There is no need of 'tailormade solution' for

waste free city. There is a need of waste decentralisation. Solid and liquid waste should be segregated. Government will implement 'cheap but durable' measure for waste management. A pamphlet will be published on October 2 for the effectively use of this technology, Chief Minister informed.

Like Central government's 'Swachh Bharat' Mission state government has undertaken 'Swachh Maharashtra' project. As a part of this divisionwise workshop 'Saptapadi Swachhatechi' was conducted. Norm of Saptapadi will be applied while providing fund to the district under 14th finance commission, stated Devendra Fadnavis and expressed his desire to provide fund to the cities on the basis of the cleanliness.

Secretary (Town Development) Manisha Mhaskar made the introductory speech. Chief Secretary (Town Development) P S Meena and Mayor Ashok Murtagad

also expressed their views. Divisional Commissioner Eknath Davale, Municipal Commissioner Dr. Praveen Gedam, town council president of Shirampur Rajashri Sasane, Dhule Mayor Jayashri Ahirrao tabled the cleanliness resolve. District Guardian Minister Girish Mahajan, Director (Town Development) Smita Rajan, MP Harishchandra Chavan, MLA Seema Hiray, MLA Balasaheb Sanap, town council presidents and chief officers were present on the occasion. Pradip Bhide compered the programme.

Chief Minister lauded the cleanliness drive that was conducted on Godavari banks on World Environment Day. Citizens have 90% involvement in Godavari pollution. Cheap but effective measures will be implemented to reduce pollution and waste. In addition a 'Swachh Maharashtra Kosh' will be formed and more and more funds will be given to the MLAs from this, expressed Chief Minister.

LBT adds Rs 189 Cr to NMC treasury

While most of the municipal corporations are unhappy with Local Body Tax (LBT), the Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) has successfully collected Rs 189.35 crore in the first three months of this fiscal year. This has recorded growth of 17.66 per cent in comparison with the LBT collected in the last year. Already the NMC's recovery of property tax is Rs 32 crore and now it is the LBT, collected from April to June 2015 which has showed positive signs of

improvisation in the financial condition of the NMC. NMC Commissioner Dr Praveen Gedam has implemented several schemes to improve the financial situation of the NMC. The scheme of discounts in property tax for advance payments has worked and successfully added RS 32 crore in the NMC coffers. Similarly, the LBT has also added Rs 189,35,064 in the form of LBT. This collection is really admirable as most of the

municipal corporations in the state are against the LBT stating it caused losses to them. From April to June in the last financial year, the NMC had collected Rs 161,47,058. This year it added Rs 27,88,006 (17.66 %) more proving that even LBT can earn good revenue for municipal corporations if implemented properly. The LBT collected in April was Rs66.91 crore, in May it was Rs 60.59 crore and in June it was Rs 61.85 crore.

Mini market in Sadhugram for three months

As a mini city has been set up by the administration in the form of "Sadhugram", the Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) will set up a mini

market in Sadhugram. The NMC has installed 131 stalls for the purpose and auction of these stalls will be conducted on July 29. The mini market

will have all kind of stores - from vegetables to medical stores and even clothing stores.

8 lakh trees planted under Green Kumbh initiative

As part of the District Administration's Green Kumbh initiative, Nashik Municipal Corporation, citizens, educational institutions, environment groups and social organizations, along with employees of various government offices, came together to plant over 8,50,447 lakh trees in the district. A cleanliness drives were also carried out. Guardian and Water Resources Minister Girish Mahajan, WRD Secretary Prabhakar Deshmukh, Magsaysay Award winner and India's waterman Rajendra Singh, MLAs Devyani Pharande and Seema Hiray, Revenue Commissioner Eknath Davle, District Collector Deependrasingh Kushwah, Municipal Commissioner Dr. Praveen Gedam and Police Commissioner S Jagannathan were some of



the prominent names present during the drive. Citizens, students and activists participated in large numbers in the plantation drive that began at the Golf Club Ground at 7.30 a.m. "An overwhelming response was registered for the tree plantation and cleanliness drives organised by the

government officials. Citizens should be consistent with their initiative towards conservation of nature. They should contribute to the city's cleanliness as part of their day-to-day life," said Mahajan during the inaugural function at the Golf Club Ground. He said the oath of cleanliness should not be

limited to the cleanliness campaigns alone but should be practised every day. "Plastic waste causes lot of problems for the environment as it does not get decomposed. Polythene bags strewn in the open do not let water percolate into the earth. This affects the quality of the land as well. People should avoid using plastic

and also discourage others from throwing plastic," said Mahajan. Tree plantation drives were carried out at various colleges, schools, the Super specialty Hospital, Adgaon Naka, Sayyed Pimpri, Belgaon Dhaga, Ghoti, Bangdi mountain on Trimbakeshwar Road and other places by the students.

100 bed hospital at Sadhugram



In view of the Simhastha Kumbh Mela, work on a 100 bed hospital is in full swing at Sadhugram and all sorts of medical tests as well as minor surgeries will be conducted there. The hospital will be operational 24x7 for the entire stretch of the mela. Work on the hospital is continuing on land belonging to the Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC). It is very near to the Sadhugram. The NMC had set up a control room near Janardan Swami Mutt in the last Kumbh Mela. There was a 30 bed hospital there then. However, the number of Sadhu-Mahants will be a lot more this time and around 40 lakh Sadhu-Mahants will actually be

staying here for three months. As a result, the number of beds in the hospital had to be increased and a 60-bed hospital will now be created. Many facilities including various medical tests, X-ray unit, Intensive Care Unit (ICU), operation theatre for minor surgeries, store rooms to provide medicines and even a Resident Medical Officer (RMO) will be available at the hospital. Three doctors and the other requisite staff, will be available 24x7 at the hospital during the Kumbh Mela. The NMC in the meanwhile has purchased new equipments for the hospital. These include beds, cushions, mattresses, tables and chairs.

Free water supply to Sadhugram NMC to supply 24X7 water for five months

The Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) has decided to provide 24 hour free water supply to sadhus till the sadhugram stays operational. However not all sadhus live in the sadhugram for the entire year. Most of them are here for only three days during a parvani. For five months NMC is going to supply free water to the sadhus. The civic body will be providing 40 million liter per day (MLD) treated drinking water for free to the Sadhu-Mahants for drinking, bathing and sanitation purposes. For Kumbh Mela the administration has set up Sadhugram in Tapovan on a massive 300 acre land. According to sources, around 300000 Sadhu-Mahants of three major Akhadas and over 650 Khalsas associated to them are expected to arrive in the

city during Kumbh. Considering the large number of holy men arriving in the city the administration has also provided basic infrastructure at Sadhugram including light, water and sanitation systems for the Sadhu-Mahants. "We have laid over 1700 plots for the Akhadas and their Khalsas at Sadhugram. Accordingly, we have also provided block wise public toilets and bathrooms at the Sadhu camp. We have set up 4+4+1 bathrooms and 8+8+1 toilets in each block. Out of these each Akhada and Khalsa have been provided one private toilet and bathroom. We have constructed a water tank in Tapovan area near Sadhugram from where 40 MLD water will be supplied daily for 24 hours free of cost. Even during the last Kumbh



Mela the NMC had supplied water to Sadhugram for free for as long as Sadhugram was operational," said Superintendent Engineer, Water Supply Department R K Pawar. Considering the inputs provided by Superintendent Engineer RK Pawar the NMC will be providing 6000 MLD free water supply to Sadhugram during the Kumbh Mela for a five month period.

NMC's fire brigade department serves notices

NMC's fire brigade department has been issuing notices to establishments since 2009. However, the notices are being blatantly ignored. If they fail to comply with the rules their water and power supply is going to be cut off. Even after this action if any establishment fails to submit their fire audit then the owner

and the users of the building will not be allowed to use the establishment. If the owner still fails to produce the fire audit, a non-bailable offense will be lodged against the owner which entails jail term of six months to three years and a fine of Rs 20,000 to Rs 50,000.

NMC standing committee submits Rs 1769 cr budget

The standing committee of Nashik Municipal Corporation submitted the Rs 1769 crore annual budget to the civic administration. The committee added more allocations to the tune of Rs 332 crore to the budget

presented earlier by the municipal commissioner to the committee. Allocation of maximum funds to the development of Panchavati area is the highlight of the standing committee budget. Substantial funds have

been spared for the development works in Panchavati area which include theatre hall, community halls, overhead water tanks, development funds for the 20 villages in Panchavati, Kumbh works, study rooms.