



MSEDCL celebrated the World Consumer day at their offices by giving roses to customers on December 24. Ahmednagar Road, Shivajinagar, Bund Garden and Padmavati circle conduct meetings for solving problems of customers. Chief engineer SP Nagtilak, executive engineer Suresh Walekar, Shreehari Choudhari, Babasaheb Jadhav and other officers participated in the programme. Sardar Surunder Singh of Gurudwara, Gurunanak Darbar camp presented cheque of Rs7.5 lakh to the executive engineer A Ansari. He was presented a rose sapling.

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—Ravindra Joshi.DNA



Young girls sitting for Kumari puja at Ayyappa temple in Rasta Peth on Saturday

Four held for robbery attempt

The Sahakarnagar police arrested four suspects on Friday from Dhankavdi who were attempting to rob a petrol pump. The police have recovered one pistol, 35 live cartridges, and sharp weapons worth Rs5.51 lakh along with a jeep. The suspects were identified as Ajaykumar Yadav (29), Vitthal Pandurang Budhe (27), Prakash Nathu Kate (26) and Santosh Laxman Bandal (31) from Bhor. The Sahakarnagar police team led by sub-inspector Rajan Jagdale nabbed the gang near the petrol pump.

Robber nabbed

The Yerwada police arrested one Allam Husain Khan (20) a resident of Gadital Hadapsar for allegedly robbing a trader of Rs2.750 on Friday. The incident took place near his residence at Hadapsar. Wasim Ahmed Khan (20) filed a complaint with Yerwada police. According to police, on Friday when Khan was on his way to drop his father at bus stop the suspect blocked his way and snatched the money from him. He was arrested by the police later.

Booked for poisoning cows

The Swargate police on Friday booked unidentified persons for allegedly poisoning as many as nine cows to death. The nine cows were found dead at food grains section of agriculture produce marketing committee (APMC) on December 23. After receiving the post-mortem report the police filed the case under section 429 (for killing cattle) of Indian Penal Code. The complaint was filed by Dnyaneshwar Babu Dagade (25) of Sandeshnagar, Marketyard.

Forum warns of action

Indian Youth Forum has warned primary schools that educational qualification of parents for nursery admissions should no longer be given importance. The forum has said that they will ensure that the decision of school advisory board is not violated. The forum said that conducting interviews of parents for the admission of the children is unfair and illegal. President of forum Avinash Bagave warned of protest if ongoing unfair practice by the institutions was not stopped.

Tour operator in custody

Judicial magistrate (first class) GG Italkar on Friday remanded Jayesh Tambe to police custody till January 1. He was arrested in the cheating case filed by Maharashtra Institute of Technology's School of Business. Associate director Deepak Prabhat Apte (54), a resident of Sinhgad Road, lodged a complaint with the Kothrud police saying that he had duped the institution to the tune of Rs29.27 lakh. Public prosecutor AV Ausekar argued that police needed his custody to recover the amount.

Vir Sanghvi to get first Tilak award for journo

New award instituted by the Kesari-Mahratta trust

Anchal Vanarase

Well-known print and television journalist Vir Sanghvi will be the first media person to be awarded the Lokmanya Tilak National Award for Excellence in Journalism 2009.

Starting 2009, the Kesari-Mahratta Trust will present an award every year for excellence in journalism. This year's award will be

presented on January 4, 2009, the trust's 128th foundation day.

The Kesari-Mahratta Trust was founded by freedom fighter Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak. He started Kesari in 1881, with the thought of awakening the youth to achieve independence.

The Kesari-Mahratta Trust will honour journalists who are courageous, intelligent, have an ability to fight injustice and can help transform the society in a better way.



Vir Sanghvi

The winner will be presented with Rs1 lakh, a memento, a shawl and a coconut.

Sanghvi, the editorial director of the Hindustan Times, started his journalistic career early. He was 22 when he became the editor of Bombay, India's first city magazine and is the youngest editor in the history of Indian journalism.

Sanghvi has many won national and international television awards including the Asian Television

Other awardees

The Late Jayantrao Tilak Memorial Award will also be presented to Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Anath Hindu Mahilaashram, Sanmati Nursing Home (Madha), Devgandharva Bakhale Pratishthan, Nespa (Late Sarang Sathe Memorial), Vasant Vyakhyanmala, Akhil Brahmin Madhyavarti Sanstha, Deshashtha Rigvedi Brahmin Shikshanottejak Sanstha, Brahmin Seva Sangha, Rambhau Joshi, Saroj Joshi (Late Gauri Tilak Memorial), Tilak Kulavrutnant Samiti, Nirmala Kulkarni (Late Indutai Tilak Memorial), Purva Primary School Bhile-Brahminwadi, Chiplun.

Awards for 2004 in Singapore.

Editor-Trustee of Kesari Deepak Tilak said Sanghvi would get the award at a

press conference. General manager Rohit Tilak and editorial advisor for Kesari SK Kulkarni were also present.

Nari proposes a sustainable development centre at Phaltan

It will support agri, environment and energy research

Nilanjana Ghosh Choudhury & Varsha Welankar

Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) in Phaltan has proposed to build a state-of-the-art centre for sustainable development.

Scheduled to be completed within a year's time, the new centre would come up right next to the sprawling Nari campus in Phaltan en route Satara.

"Nari is proposing to set up a centre for sustainable development on its campus which would carry out research and study in the fields of sustainable development, environment, agriculture and renewable energy," said director and honorary secretary of NARI Anil Rajvanshi. Nari undertakes research in re-



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novable energy, rural and sustainable development and spirituality. The estimated cost of the project is slated at about Rs70 lakh, most of which is being raised through corporate funding. The building of the proposed centre has been designed by a group of students from the University of Louisiana, USA.

Once ready, the centre will showcase all technologies developed by Nari and those available around the world for solving problems of the rural poor. "The centre would be a corpo-

rate NGO partnership to carry out researches in different fields," said Rajvanshi.

It will also conduct seminars and lectures by corporate heads and academicians. There would also be hostel facility and seminar at the campus.

"The idea is to sensitise the corporates on different aspects of sustainable development and develop ideas which can be used for the overall development of the rural areas," he added. Work on the centre is likely to begin by January 2009.

A mechanical engineer from IIT, Kanpur and PhD from University of Florida USA, Anil Rajvanshi and his wife Nandini Nimbkar run Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) at Phaltan in Satara district.

Rajvanshi left a lucrative career in US and returned to India in 1981 to pursue work in rural areas. He is a recipient of the Jamnalal Bajaj Award for 2001 and has seven patents to his name.

For a fee, Chanakya Mandal will train you to fight terrorism

The programme conducted by pros will be held on weekends

Anchal Vanarase

Chanakya Mandal Parivar, an organisation launched by former IAS officer Avinash Dharmadhikari, has taken up an initiative to make the common people aware about terrorism.

Professionals will train common people to fight terrorism. They will be trained to respond quickly to any suspicious activities and react appropriately to a terrorist attack. The mandal plans to start the training programme on Republic Day.

Training will be given by ex-officers from the Indian Administrative Services and Indian Police Service who have been a part of critical assignments like the Operation Blue Star. Training programme would be held on weekends for citizens' convenience. The mandal will charge a token fee for the training. Chanakya Mandal Parivar's director Avinash Dharmadhikari said, "Common people must be made aware about terrorism to fight against it."

He raised the issue of Pakistan being the brain behind the recent Mumbai attacks. He said, "Pakistan uses tactics to break down Indian states. India has shown maturity this time by not raising the Hindu-Muslim issue. But India has not woken up even after the attacks."

Dharmadhikari said a signature campaign conducted against terrorism was undertaken by about 500 students of Chanakya Mandal Parivar and other volunteers. It had received over 72,000 signatures from people across Maharashtra. Dharmadhikari said that he and his delegation will take these signatures and resolutions made by the common people and a memorandum of demands to the president Pratibha Patil.

He demanded that Pakistan be declared as a state sponsor of terror and Pakistan's nuclear programme be dismantled as it is dangerous to world peace. The mandal will press its demands through satyagraha, he said.

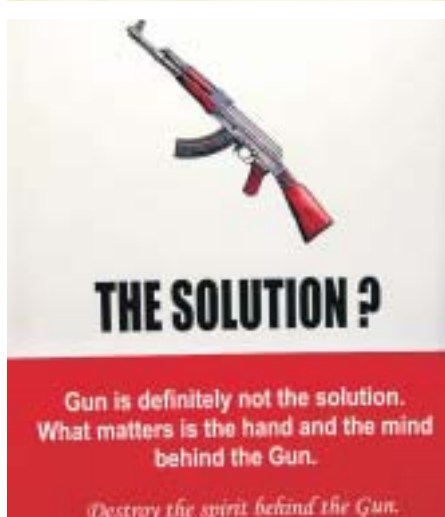
Citizens awareness rally

Chanakya Mandal Parivar will organise a citizens' awareness rally on Sunday at 3.30pm. The rally will begin at the mandal's office in Navi Peth, Pune and a meeting will be held at the Maharashtra Institute of Technology Engineering Campus, Vivekanand Hall at 6 pm.

Dharmadhikari said, "If India does not do anything about the terror attacks now we may face a bigger problem."



Cartoonist Mangesh Tendulkar looking at the posters



Some of the posters on display at Ray Art Gallery —Shashank Sane.DNA

Admen's posters on terror draw footfalls

More expected to turn up at the exhibition today

Maryam Hasan

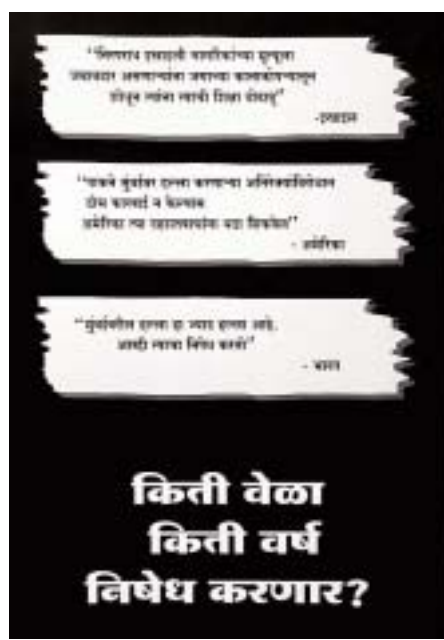
Creative artistes from various advertising agencies in the city have come together to put up a poster exhibition to create awareness among people about the threat of terror on the occasion of the first month of the terror attacks in Mumbai.

Organised by The Regional Advertising and Marketing Association (Rama), the two-day exhibition was inaugurated by additional commissioner of police Prabhat Kumar on Friday at Ray Art Gallery off Ferguson College Road. The exhibition which is open between 11 am to 7 pm will close on Sunday.

A total of 60 posters are on display. These posters were the works of various creative artists.

Most of the posters displayed the message of unity, urged people to stand up and fight terrorism and paid homage to the martyrs.

Rama member and one of the coordinators Prashat Bholagiri said that they had received a good response and are expecting a lot more on Sunday.



New security measures at commissionerate

Two watchtowers come up on the premises

DNA Correspondent

Security measures have been tightened at the Pune Police Commissionerate in view of the threat mails received by the city police.

The police have erected two watchtowers at the two gates manned by police constables with AK-47 rifles. Other

security changes will soon be introduced in the commissionerate.

A senior police official told DNA that higher security was necessary as around 1,000 police officials are working in the commissionerate including commissioner of police, joint commissioner of police, other senior officials and crime branch personnel. While the front entrance has been closed to the public, tight security has been introduced at the back gate where visitors are

screened thoroughly. Other changes will be the introduction of closed-circuit television cameras, biometric identification systems and shifting of the Axis Bank ATM machine from the front gate of the commissionerate to the back gate.

Officials said that around 20 trained and armed policemen will be placed in the commissionerate to provide high security. The height of the compound wall is also being increased to six feet, an official said.

6 vandalise e-way toll naka, held



Villagers of Prene protesting on Saturday —Nareish Natu.DNA

DNA Correspondent

The Pune city rural police have arrested six people in connection with the vandalism that had occurred at the expressway toll naka in Loni on Saturday.

According to the police, six people were travelling on the expressway when they were stopped at the toll naka.

They were asked to pay toll but they refused and instead went on the rampage and vandalised the toll naka office. According to the police, they broke glass windows and furniture. The Loni police arrested the six people.

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