

‘STUDENT’S DEATH AFTER 100 SIT-UPS’

Govt cancels Vasai school registration, issues guidelines

School was running classes for 9th and 10th std without govt recognition: GR

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NEARLY A month after a Class 6 student of a Vasai school died after being allegedly made to do 100 sit-ups as a punishment for being late, the Maharashtra government has cancelled the school's registration.

The action followed an inquiry report submitted by a committee set up by the school education department to probe the student's death.

The committee's investigation revealed several violations by the school — subjecting students to corporal punishment despite its prohibition under the Right To Education (RTE) Act, absence of bodies such as Sakshi Savitri Committee (SSC) and Parent Teacher Association (PTA), infrastructural shortcomings and having teachers who lack prescribed educational qualifications.

A Government Resolution (GR) adopted in this regard on

Saturday states, “According to Section 17 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, corporal and mental punishment of students is strictly prohibited. Despite this prohibition, a teacher in the school subjected students to corporal punishment, as a result of which one student lost her life.”

The GR also highlighted that both the English- and Hindi-medium wings of the school were running classes for Standard 9 and 10 without obtaining government recognition.

Meanwhile, in a separate GR, the state government also issued a fresh set of student safety guidelines. They are:

- Any form of severe physical punishment to students, such as beating with hands, sticks, rulers, etc; pulling ears or hair; forcing students to do sit-ups; pushing; making students stand outside in the sun or rain; making them kneel; keeping them hungry or denying them

drinking water; humiliating them through verbal or mental abuse; repeatedly calling them names; belittling them; or discrimination based on caste, religion, language, gender, social or economic status, disability, or academic performance, shall not be permitted.

- Students must be communicated with respectfully, and in gentle language.
- No negligence shall be shown in providing safe infrastructure for children and students with disabilities; ensuring good-quality, nutritious food; providing clean drinking water; arranging timely medical assistance; and taking prompt action on student complaints, among other responsibilities.
- Bullying, discriminatory practices, and the use of intoxicating substances are strictly prohibited within the school premises, and due care shall be taken to ensure that no such incidents occur.
- Taking, using, or assisting in the use of students' photographs or videos without prior permission from parents and the institution or competent authority is strictly prohibited.

Opp slams govt over beating up of CM youth scheme trainees

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OPPOSITION PARTIES on Sunday slammed the Mahayuti government over the police beating up agitating trainees of Chief Minister Yuva Karya Prashikshan Scheme.

Congress Legislative Party leader Vijay Wadettiwar, who was joined by members Jayant Patil and Congress MLA Nana Patole, cornered Minister of Skill Development Mangal Prabhat Lodha on the issue, questioning the fate of these trainees after their 11-month training.



Opposition party leaders Bhaskar Jadhav of Shiv Sena (UBT), Vijay Wadettiwar of the Congress and NCP (SP)'s Jayant Patil in Nagpur on Sunday. DHANANJAY KHEDEKAR



bility of young graduates and diploma holders and provide financial support in the form of a monthly stipend during the training period.

Wadettiwar stated, “This scheme was brought in before the elections, and now it has been shut down. These children campaigned for the government, they toiled for you in the elections. What was the reward they received? They were severely beaten for protesting yesterday; some children sustained

fractures. This shows the government's insensitive attitude. What about the future of these children? What happened to the promise made by the then Chief Minister that they would be permanently absorbed into the service?”

Patil and Patole wanted minister Lodha to explain what is the government's policy to provide a permanent job to the students after completing 11 months of training.

After the Opposition's aggressive stance, Lodha clarified that the scheme has not been closed down but assured the House that these trainees would be accommodated under a new scheme and that the government is formulating a new policy regarding this matter.

Govt to expedite pending medical projects in Nagpur and Amravati

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THE MAHARASHTRA government has decided to strengthen public medical colleges and hospitals in Vidarbha. State Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule has issued directions to resolve pending works and proposals related to medical education and health departments in Nagpur and Amravati districts.

At a meeting held Saturday and attended by Medical Education Minister Hasan Mushrif, district collectors of Nagpur and Amravati, municipal commissioners, as well as senior officials from the medical education department, Bawankule called for expediting proposals related to the health sector in the region.

Key developments

- Government Medical College, Nagpur: Adding one floor in the TB Ward of the Government Medical College, constructing a sickle cell and thalassemia hospital, and accelerating the construction of new residential accommodations for doctors and other health workers.
- Nagpur Super Speciality Hospital: Modernising the Intensive Care Units and Operating Theatres in 'A', 'B', and 'C' wings of the Super Speciality Hospital.
- Mayo Hospital: Discussions were held on the required manpower and outsourcing to increase capacity to 1,360 beds, sanctioning posts from Class 1 to Class 4 as per the directions of the Nagpur Bench of the Mumbai High Court, and filling 526 vacant posts for sanitation workers.
- Government Medical College, Amravati: Directions were given to provide administrative approval and funds for the purchase of necessary equipment for the second-year MBBS course in the 2025-26 academic year.
- Government Ayurveda College, Nagpur: Discussions also covered increasing the student admission capacity at Nagpur's Government Ayurveda College from 100 to 200, starting postgraduate courses in four new subjects, constructing new buildings, and creating 214 new posts.
- Government Medical College, Chandrapur: Additionally, the meeting emphasised employing local unemployed youth on a contract basis at the Government Medical College in Chandrapur.

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Notice is hereby given that Election of a Director on the Board of the Central Warehousing Corporation for the term of three years, representing shareholding institutions under section 7(1)(e) of the Warehousing Corporations Act, 1962 viz. **Co-operative Societies** class of shareholders registered with the CWC, will be held on **06.02.2026 (Friday) (02.30 P.M. to 04.30 P.M.)** in the Auditorium of the Corporate Office.

The last date for receipt of nomination is **01.01.2026 (Thursday) up to 5.00 P.M.**

The last date for receipt of Proxies / Authorized representations (ARs) will be **19.01.2026 (Monday) up to 5.00 P.M.**

For detailed information please log in to CWC website www.cwacor.nic.in

Secretary, CWC

‘MANAS platform will help BMC pinpoint specific pollution hotspots’

AS CONCERNS rise over air quality in the city, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has launched a platform powered by artificial intelligence to track Mumbai's overall Air Quality Index (AQI). **SACHCHIDA NAND TRIPATHI**, scientist and professor at the Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur and steering committee member of the Union environment ministry's National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), speaks to **SADAF MODAK** about how Mumbai Air Network for Advanced Sciences (MANAS) will work and how air quality can be monitored better.



Haze over Mumbai's coastline as the AQI hovered around 163 on Sunday. AKASH PATIL

The MANAS platform, launched in Mumbai to track AQI, is slated to provide more micro-level data through its sensors. How efficient is it compared to existing systems?

The Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) offer one station per 20 square kilometres, which will be boosted to one per six square kilometres with 75 new sensors. This network captures neighbourhood-scale variations, helping identify pollution at the street, ward, and corridor level, something the current system cannot do. Data from both CAAQMS and MANAS will provide a much richer and more continuous picture of pollution patterns across Mumbai. This will help authorities pinpoint specific hotspots, peak hours, and recurring problem areas, enabling quick, targeted interventions rather than broad, citywide measures.

In Mumbai, what are the major causes for concern when it comes to air pollution, and how can those be tackled?

There are multiple causes for concern, with the major ones being road dust and construction activity, traffic emissions, industrial activities, sea-land breeze trapping



pollutants and residential energy use in informal settlements. As a short-term action, there can be strict dust control at construction sites, like mandatory covering, on-site sprinkling, and monitored compliance with all of these. There can be stricter checks on visibly polluting vehicles and smoother traffic with fewer bottlenecks.

For long-term action, there is a need for faster adoption of electric vehicles, better bus frequency, and improved last-mile connections so that people choose to take public transport. Other steps include controlled construction, more paved surfaces and greening. There can be continuous monitoring and technology upgrades.

How are India's air quality standards calculated?

The revised National Ambient Air Quality Standards,

2009, specify 12 pollutants for monitoring. India's air quality standards are set by scientists and government experts. They study how pollutants like PM2.5, PM10, NO₂, and ozone affect human health. They also look at India's climate, dust levels, industry patterns, and population exposure. Using this information, they decide the maximum amount of each pollutant that is considered safe in the air. AQI is calculated by placing each pollutant's concentration into predefined health categories, determining how far it lies within that range, converting that position into an AQI number, and then choosing the highest of those numbers as the overall AQI. The 24-hour duration is based on decades of epidemiological studies used to correlate the air pollution exposure and increased risk for health.

Is this possible to have better air quality inside your homes and how effective can they be if your outside air is still bad?

Improving indoor air quality through methods such as indoor plants, aquaponics,

and tree planting around homes is possible. However, their effectiveness is limited — plants can reduce certain pollutants, such as VOCs, CO₂, and PM, by 20-50 per cent in controlled settings. However, they cannot fully counteract severe outdoor PM2.5 levels without mechanical aids, like HEPA filters.

Are there any models from other global cities that we need to look at for effective solutions?

Cities such as Beijing achieved a 50 per cent reduction in pollutants through the use of coal-to-gas subsidies, stakeholder mapping, and the establishment of low-emission zones, informed by health data. New York mirrored this with targeted interventions; Accra (in Ghana) utilised sector assessments to drive household energy shifts; Jakarta (Indonesia) and Kampala (Uganda) emphasised reforms in waste and transportation. This evidence-based, multi-stakeholder approach offers scalable lessons for Delhi's PM2.5 challenges.

Since we are a large country, planning and rules also need effective implementation. How can that be made possible?

Effective implementation can be achieved by combining decentralised monitoring and technology-enabled enforcement. Instead of relying solely on manual inspections, tools such as remote sensing, drones, low-cost sensors, and mobile reporting can help authorities identify violations quickly and cover a much larger area. Clear and practical guidelines for small and large construction sites, supported by photo-based self-compliance, make it easier for operators to follow the rules. When paired with graded penalties, incentives for compliance, and stronger local capacity, these measures ensure that pollution-control regulations are practical, consistent, and effective on the ground.

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NEW DELHI

Horse and sheep killed in suspected leopard attack

Beed: A horse and a sheep were killed in a suspected leopard attack in Shirur Kasar tehsil in Beed district in the early hours of Sunday, officials said.

The incident took place around 1.30am in Fulsangavi, where shepherds from Bhig-

wan area in Pune had camped with their livestock for grazing, they added. Forest department officials who inspected the site said the possibility of a leopard attack cannot be ruled out and will be confirmed after the post mortem reports are received. PTI

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) & guarantor(s) indicated in Column no-A that the below described immovable property (ies) described in Column no-D mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/Physical Possession of which has been taken (as described in Column no-C) by the authorized Officer of M/s PNB Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor, will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS and WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" as per the details mentioned below. Notice is hereby given to borrower(s)/mortgagor(s)/Legal Heirs, Legal Representative, (whether Known or Unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), assignee(s) of the respective borrowers/mortgagor(s)(since deceased) as the case may be indicated in Column no-A under Rule-8(6) & 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 amended as on date. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in M/s PNB Housing Finance Limited/secured creditor's website i.e. www.pnbhousing.com .										
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HOU/NSK/1221/933295 Pramod K Zade / Jayshri Pramod Zade B.O.: NASHIK	Rs. 1661463.05 & 06-06-2023	Physical Possession	Flat No 3 1st Floor, Plot No 21, Survey No 123/A/1, Ganraj Heights Apartment, Druv Nagar Gangapur Satpur Link Road, Behind Nigal Park Opp Vitthal Rukmini Temple Opp Baban Lawns, Shivaji Nagar, Gangapur Shivaj, Nashik, Maharashtra, India, 422007.	Rs. 1044000	Rs. 104400	29/12/2025	Rs. 10000	22-12-2025 12:00pm to 04:00pm	30-12-2025 2PM to 03:00PM	NOT KNOWN
HOU/NSK/0817/416631 & NHL/NSK/1018/585309 Dhondiram Chintaman Lokhare / Manisha Dhondiram Lokhare B.O.: NASHIK	Rs. 2508593.74 & 23-06-2021	Physical Possession	Flat No B 13 Ground Floor, Shreeamant Homes, Building B SR No 79 2A And 79 4A, Opp Matoshri Prerana Lawns, Behind Sai Palace Hotel, Vijay Nagar Mauje Bhagur, Maharashtra-422002, India.	Rs. 1536000	Rs. 153600	29/12/2025	Rs. 10000	17-12-2025 12:00pm to 04:00pm	30-12-2025 2PM to 03:00PM	NOT KNOWN
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