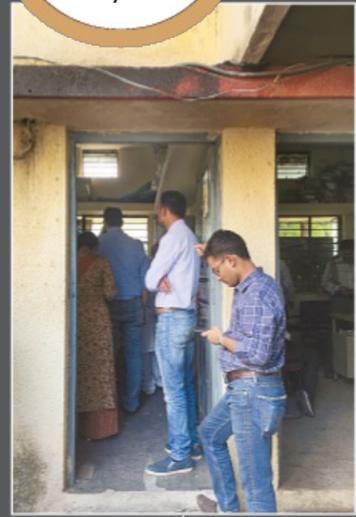




Through People's Eyes

Maximum utilisation of public property for private use. The entire footpath on Amravati Road, from Bharat Nagar signal till campus is encroached by vendors. Hope concerned authorities including FDA department don't turn a blind eye on such roadside stalls, pointed out Sarang Mishrikotkar who clicked the photos.



These photos of NMC's Marriage Registration Office in its Laxminagar Zone office premises have been sent to 'The Hitavada' by Avinash Gowardhan. He says, a well-known quote "Marriages are made in heaven" but he raises issue about the place in Nagpur, where marriages are registered! Gowardhan had a chance to be at the Marriage Registration Office in the NMC's Laxminagar Zone Office premises. Looking at newly married couples (a few of them from the US or other countries) with their aged parents present there as witnesses to sign the register as a witness. Gowardhan however, felt ashamed of seeing the place full of filth and dirt! The Officials and staff present had no value for the waiting citizens for their arrival to start the simple work of registration of marriage. Even after completing this job the applicants are required to visit again to collect the Marriage Certificate. In fact, shifting this make-shift office to the new complex should have been on the top priority in view of the young couples with their parents visiting this place at the start of their blissful life! Gowardhan hopes this terrible place called Marriage Registration Office is shifted as early as possible to the new complex!

CITY MAIL

Renovating Central Museum

Central Museum of Nagpur city was established in 1863 to show-case the cultural heritage of Central India. The collections of the museum were divided into six sections viz. Art and Industry, Archaeology, Anthropology, Natural History, Paintings and Geology. It is a learning place for young students of entire Central India and prominent visiting place of Nagpur city.

During my school days in seventies I had a knowledge fulfilling visit to this museum. Few days back, as a senior citizen, I visited the museum again to answer my curiosity to know what changes and additions have been incorporated during all these years. My observation is that the Heritage Section, comprising of Ancient Heritage Gallery and Nagpur Heritage Gallery, has come up nicely in the Central Museum. Ancient Heritage Gallery depicts photographs and relevant information of major heritage sites of entire Vidarbha region. Nagpur Heritage Gallery depicts photographs of articles used by Father of Indian Constitution, Bharat Ratna Dr B.R. Ambedkar and rulers of Bhonsale clan. The articles of Babasaheb would be showcased in Ambedkar Museum being built in Chicholi about 25 kms from Nagpur on Katol Road..

But the Anthropology and Geology sections are weakly represented in the museum. It may be mentioned here that Anthropological Survey of India and Geological Survey of India have their own keenly developed museums in their respective office premises in Nagpur city. The museums of these offices are visited by school and college students only during their foundation day. For rest of the year these museums remain in isolation. The officials of the Central Museum may therefore approach these offices to acquire more number of anthropological and geological specimens. Proactive steps by these two offices to showcase more and more specimens in Central Museum would definitely raise the satisfaction level of visitors. Beautiful Zeolite specimens, models of dinosaur eggs from GSI would definitely be the added attractions.

Secondly, the single-storied Central Museum has to be made multi-storied to accommodate more sections worth seeing. The museum should have a hall for showing our cultural heritage videos and documentaries.

The Department of Cultural Affairs, Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Govt. of Maharashtra, in coordination with the Heritage Conservation Committee and experts from Archaeological Survey of India, Anthropological Survey of India, Geological Survey of India, etc. may upgrade the existing Central Museum to a State-of-the-Art Museum for the benefit of the entire Central India.

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Inter-City Forum inaugurated

Staff Reporter

INTER-CITY Forum, conceptualised by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and former Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis was inaugurated at the hands of Deputy Mayor Manisha Kothe. The Forum has been created for improving standard of living of common people of the city.

With active participation of various social organisations, local self government institutions and people themselves, the objective can be achieved. The Forum is a platform for discussion on various issues confronting common people and possible solutions. This was stated by Kothe. The Forum has been formed under Equicity Project of All India Institute of Local Self Government along with Nagpur Municipal Corporation. Additional Municipal Commissioner Ram Joshi, former Mayor Nanda Jichkar, CEO of Nagpur Smart and Sustainable City development Corporation Dr Ramnath Sonavane, Amravati Mayor Chetan Gaweande, Deputy Mayor Kusum Sahu, regional Director of AILSG Jayant Pathak, Technical Director Pashim Tiwari, Dr



Guests inaugurating Inter-City Forum while others look on.

Amruta Anand were present.

Speaking on the occasion Jichkar said that development is not possible without participation and co-operation of people. The facilities provided by civic authorities should be accepted and used in positive manner, and not distort them.

Ram Joshi stated that 'Best Practices' should be adopted by the people for implementation of various schemes and basic amenities. He also spoke about association of Tata Trust and innovative ideas started by Jichkar during her tenure. 'Best Practices' have been adopted by several cities, which

has helped in their development.

Dr Sonavane said that the process of urbanisation has gained pace in the country. The nation has experienced urbanisation of 38% villages. Sustainable development and environment protection cannot be ignored in this process. Employment, education, health and environment are important issues for sustainable development.

Dr Manoj Salpekar conducted the proceedings, the programme was attended by representatives of social organisations and officers from different department of NMC.

Samartha Paduka Pujan, Phiksha Pheri from today

Staff Reporter

SHRI Samartha Ramdas Swami Sansthan Sajjangad has organised Samartha Paduka Pujan and Phiksha Pheri in different parts of city from December 5 to 14. Swami Balasaheb Swami and Sadguru Kamaltai will participate in the event. The Bhiksha Pheri will start from Dnyaneshwar Mandir Bajaj Nagar on December 5 at 5 pm. Mayor Sandeep Joshi will inaugurate the pheri. The daily procession of Bhiksha Pheri will be held from 8 am to 12 noon in areas like Bajaj Nagar (December 5); Samartha Nagar (December 6); Jaiprakash Nagar (December 7); Ujjwal Nagar (December 8); Mahal (December 9); Vasant Nagar (December 10); Laxmi Nagar Buty layout (December 11); atre layout (December 12); Abhyankar Nagar, Madhav Nagar (December 13); Shankar Nagar, and Giripeth (December 14).

Indira Ravindran takes charge as Controller General of IBM

Indira Ravindran is the first lady officer to lead the Bureau and country's premier regulatory and R&D organisation as a chief

Staff Reporter

INDIRA Ravindran, Director (OD) and Head Mineral Processing, Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) has taken over the charge of Controller General, IBM recently.

Ravindran is the first lady officer to lead the Bureau and country's premier regulatory and R&D organisation as a chief. Ravindran did her M.Sc in Physics from Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University (RTMNU) and obtained her M.Tech (Metallurgy) from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru.

She has 35 years of rich R&D experience in the field of Mineral Processing and Mineral



Executive body members of IIME felicitating IBM's new Controller General Indira Ravindran.

Characterisation deals with different types of Ores and Minerals of Indian and foreign origin. She also headed the Regional Mineral Processing Laboratory Bengaluru during 2014-15. With techno-scientific acumen and her able leadership IBM will reach greater heights and shall actively facilitates the activities for Indian Mining and Mineral industry.

The Vice President Dr Dillip Ranjan Kanungo, Secretary Sanjay Kumar Nanada, Treasurer Dr C J Radhakrishnan, Namrata Choudhary Executive Committee member and office bearers of Indian Institute of Mineral Engineers (IIME) Nagpur Chapter felicitated Ravindran on her assuming the charge of Controller General, IBM.

KKSU to hold book exhibition from Jan 10

Staff Reporter

KAVIKULGURU Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek will organise an exhibition of books as a part of Akhil Bharatiya Prachya Vidya Parishad, from January 10 to 12.

The books of renowned publishers published by the University and other renowned Sanskrit universities and institutions, academies, Sanskrit Bbharati, Sanskrit Pracharini Sabha, Prachya Vidya Sanshodhan Sanstha etc will be on the display. The visitors can also purchase books in concessional rates.

Besides Sanskrit, books in other languages, translated books, books for competitive examinations, encyclopaedia will also be available in the exhibition.

Prominent publishers like Motilal Banarasidas, Indological Publishers, Geeta Press Gorakhpur, Chukhambha Prakashan Varanasi, Bhandarkar

Oriental Research Institute, Pune; Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati; Shree Vyankateshwara Vaidik Vidyapeeth; French Institute of Pondichery; Sampurnanand Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Sanskrit Promotion Foundation etc will participate in the exhibition.

A separate section of publication by KKS University is being erected. The literature, documentaries, pendrives, coffee table books, research works, annual journal will be available.

The AIOC Conference and books exhibition will be shot and shown on projector wall screen.

Co-ordinator of the exhibition and Librarian Dr Deepak Kapde has appealed to the book lovers to visit the exhibition. Those who wish to donate books from their personal collection will also be accepted at University's library.

Yuvak Lancers Krida Mandal holds prize distribution of Killa spardha



Winners of the Killa making competition with guests at the event.

Staff Reporter

YUVAK Lancers Krida Mandal conducted a prize distribution function of Killa making competition recently. In this competition 32 persons participated. The programme was held at NIT Garden, Ashirwad Nagar.

Mudhoji Bhonsale was the chief guest of the programme. Dinanath Padole presided over the function. Kishor Kumeriya, Snehlata Bihare, Munna Mahajan, Suresh Bhandarkar, Ajay Khadatkar, Dr Sanjayrao Mane, Vijay Kadu, Wamanrao Salwe, Suresh Kadam were present prominently as guests

during the event.

Kalbut Guruji compered the event. Sham Sathe proposed a vote of thanks. Suresh Kadam, Sanjay Pande, Roopkishor Kanojiya, Mangesh Barsagade, Mahesh Pawar, Shyam Sathe, Roshan Dabre, Arun Imane and others worked hard for the success of the event.

Dr Padmakumar appointed Academie Abassador of KKSU

Staff Reporter

ORGAINISING Secretary of Sanskrit Bharati in America Dr Padmakumar has been appointed Academie Abassador of Kavikulguru Kalidas Sanskrit University (KKSU). The letter of his appointment was issued by Vice-Chancellor Dr Shrinivasa Varakhedi, following signing of Memorandum of Understanding with Sanskrit Bharati.

Besides Sanskrit language, information about Sanskrit communication, academic literature etc will be exchanged. Short term courses will be conducted by inviting experts from the field. Seminars, conferences, workshops will be organised and students will be helped in research work. Both the organisations will exchange educational material.

Dr Padmakumar delivered a



Newly-appointed Academie Abassador Dr Padmakumar with guests.

lecture on Sanskrit in West, at the University, here. He stated that people in the West are curious about the language and literature in Sanskrit. The students of this university can learn and can get jobs in America as experts in the field.

Dr Padmakumar was felicitated by Dr Varakhedi. He is propagating Sanskrit in America for the last ten years.