

# Tehsildar shoots at sand lifters trying to attack revenue team

## Suspects Later Went To Lodge Plaint Against The Officer

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Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: In a significant incident near Shahagad village in Ambad taluka, tehsildar Vijay Chavan discharged four rounds in the air when sand mafia members attempted to assault revenue department workers with a tractor on Sunday morning.

The confrontation took place around 7am along the Godavari riverbed, within the jurisdiction of Ambad's Gondji police station. Surprisingly, following the shooting incident, the accused approached the Gevrai police station to file a complaint against the tehsildar. The Jalna police then confiscated the weapon and forwarded it for forensic examination.

The process of establishing the sequence of events required nearly six hours and necessitated involvement from senior Jalna police officers and district administration. Subsequently, authorities filed an FIR incorporating sections 303 (2) (theft), 132 (assault or criminal force to deter a public servant from performing their duty), and 3(5) (common intention) against the sand mafia members. Additional charges under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, and Maharashtra Land Revenue

### NEW POLICY

The state cabinet recently cleared a new sand mining policy to crack down on the illegal extraction of sand. The policy bans auctions, introduces tendering for sand extraction



The policy also caps sand price at ₹133 per tonne on a pilot basis for a year to make it more affordable

Code, 1966, were also invoked. According to Ambad SDPO Vishal Khambe, police teams are pursuing the suspected sand mafia members. Senior police officials also questioned the revenue department's decision to conduct operations without informing the local police. Revenue officials justified their actions, noting that the area's police station in-charge was unavailable due to leave.

Chavan told TOI, "We even dialled 112 to seek police assistance but we did not get any until we raised the issue with the higher-ups in

the police department." He said his revenue team reached the riverbed to address illegal sand extraction activities. From Shahagad bridge, Chavan noticed approximately 15 individuals loading sand into three tractors, who fled upon seeing the officials.

When the team attempted to detain one tractor driver, he assaulted a team member and tried to escape. During pursuit, the accused attempted to strike the tehsildar with the tractor. Simultaneously, several men carrying sticks approached and threatened Chavan, making additional attempts to strike him.

In response, Chavan discharged four rounds in the air using his licensed personal firearm, causing the accused to retreat. The authorities identified one tractor driver from Gevrai in Beed district. Three unidentified accomplices had escaped with one tractor, while the revenue team seized two tractors and trolleys, valued at Rs 11.1 lakh.

# Youth killed in clash between two families in Igatpuri taluka

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Nashik: A 25-year-old youth was stabbed to death in a clash between two neighbouring and related families at Titoli village in Igatpuri taluka around 9pm on Sunday.

The Igatpuri police have registered a case of murder against six people from a family and arrested one of them. Two other accused, who suffered injuries in the clash, are undergoing treatment at a hospital.

The police identified the deceased as Dinesh Machindra Bhatate. "Dinesh's brother, Pravin, who registered a complaint with the Igatpuri police, stated in the complaint that rainwater had accumulated on the rooftop of their under-construction house. Since they reside in the same house and the rainwater was percolating into their living area, he went on the roof to clear the water around 9pm," the police said, citing the contents of the complaint.

While removing the water, it fell on the roof of their neighbour, making a noise. Subsequently, the neighbours came out and started abusing him and his family. "The neighbours assaulted the complainant's father and dragged his younger brother Dinesh into the small space between the two houses and stabbed him. When Pravin intervened, he was also hit with a stick on the head. Later, the attackers fled from the scene," an officer said, citing the complaint.

Dinesh was rushed to private hospital in Igatpuri, where he succumbed to his injuries during the course of treatment. The police are investigating the case further.

"We have arrested Ramesh Bhatate, the person who allegedly stabbed Dinesh on charge of murder. While two accused are undergoing treatment at a hospital for their injuries and recovering, we are in search of three other accused in the case. Further investigations are ongoing and expect to arrest the remaining accused soon," the officer added.

# State to launch university dept rankings to boost higher edu

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Pune: The Maharashtra govt will launch University Department Ranking Framework (UDRF)—a state-level initiative modelled after National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) for better quality of higher education.

The framework, designed by Maharashtra Directorate of Higher Education, will evaluate university departments based on a range of academic and research metrics, such as publications, completed projects, innovation, and societal impact.

This effort will rank individual departments across universities, promoting healthy competition and transparency, while recognising departments that excel in academics and research.

Director of higher education Shaileendra Deolankar said, "Many university departments in Maharashtra are excellent performers at their respective levels but lack the recognition they deserve. This competition will enable the state to gather comprehensive data on departmental initiatives and their benefits to society."

Departments that achieve high rankings will receive recognition and rewards, while those underperforming will receive constructive feedback to help them improve.

According to Deolankar, this initiative is not just about rankings but also about systemic improvement: "This will foster a positive environment. Excellent work will be highlighted, and those who are behind will be motivated to raise their standards," he added.

He emphasised the importance of documentation. "Each department has a wealth of records—projects, publications, events—but currently, this data isn't consolidated at the state level. The UDRF will bring structure and visibility to this information, allowing for better decision-making and future planning," Deolankar added.

By bringing significant research and innovation to the forefront, the UDRF will serve both a benchmarking tool and a source of motivation for departments to continuously evolve. The state govt believes that such measures will reinforce Maharashtra's role as a national leader in higher education.

### TRANSPARENCY IN ACADEMIC WORK

Faculty will become more accountable, and students will see tangible improvements in the academic culture. Science departments, which often receive significant funding, already operate with a degree of academic freedom and are expected to lead by example in the UDRF process. However, the ranking system is designed to create a level playing field by evaluating each department based on its own context and capacity. While traditional rankings like QS and NIRF assess universities as a whole, the UDRF will take a more granular approach evaluating the performance of individual departments. This aligns with the broader goal of shifting academic institutions from an administration-centric model to a student-centric approach. Academicians have welcomed the initiative, viewing it as an opportunity to elevate their departments' stature.

This is a much-needed reform. Departments often do important work that flies under the radar. With UDRF, we can showcase our contributions to critical thinking, ethics, and socio-cultural understanding. It will also drive us to strengthen our research portfolios and outreach.

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# Authorities nab man for stealing trap camera

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolhapur: A man was nabbed by forest officials after he stole a trap camera from Patne (Chandgad) forest range of Kolhapur district. Officials conducted a raid at his residence and recovered other items, such as remains of animals and hunting materials.

Patne range forest officer Prashant Awale said, "An investigation revealed suspect, Goutam Subhas Nikam to be behind the theft. When Nikam, a resident of Turkewadi village in Chandgad, was interrogated, he confessed."

Forest staff went to his house bringing back the camera when they also found a dried piece of monkey meat, hunting knife, sambar horns, a squirrel, lizard feathers and arrowheads used for hunting. "Seeing animal remnants and hunting material, our team held him and a case has been registered under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. On being produced before the court he was remanded in forest custody for two days," added Awale. A team under deputy conservator of forests G Guprasad and assistant conservator of forests Navnath Kamble executed the probe.

# Kolhapur villagers want flyover at Khandsari phata

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolhapur: Villagers from Shingnapur, Hanmantwadi and Nagdevwadi who use the Khandsari (Shingnapur) phata on Kolhapur-Gaganbawda National Highway 166-G, have put forward their demands to Kolhapur district collector Amol Yedje for a flyover or a traffic circle at the phata.

Several accidents, along with heavy traffic congestion, keep occurring at the phata. Recently, a woman fell from a motorcycle driven by her husband, after which she came under the rear wheels of a truck. She died on the spot.

Gram panchayat member of Shingnapur, Abhijeet Bagade, said, "The work



Many accidents have occurred at Khandsari phata in Kolhapur

on National Highway 166-G at Khandsari Naka on the Gaganbawda highway is progressing at a slow pace. The number of accidents has increased."

Once the road widening works of Kolhapur-Gaganbawda are complete, vehicles will be moving at high

speed, putting the lives of local travellers at risk. "A flyover at this location is necessary. We wrote to the district collector and are expecting that a decision will be taken considering the future scenario and the risk it poses," said Bagade.

# Co-op bank will be investigated: MP

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolhapur: BJP MP Medha Kulkarni on Saturday assured depositors of Karad-based Yashwant Cooperative Bank that an probe would be made into the financial conduct of the bank.

Kulkarni was in Karad where he met depositors complaining about the

mismanagement in the bank. They stated that they were facing difficulties in accessing their money and obtaining loans. "I have come across cases that show dire irregularities occurred in the bank since 2017. One of the depositors was falsely made a guarantor in a loan application. The funds were

disbursed to someone else, and the documents were forged to disburse the loans. I recently met Union home minister Amit Shah and sought a CBI enquiry into it," said Kulkarni. Depositors allege the then chairman of the bank, who is also a BJP leader, is the ringleader of the scam, worth Rs150 crore.

# 73 cases lodged after overnight drive against illicit liquor trade

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Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: The Latur police conducted an extensive overnight operation against illegal liquor trade, registering 73 cases against various individuals. The operation commenced on Sunday evening and continued until Monday morning.

Acting on the directives of superintendent of police Somay Munde, to combat unlawful trade, the police force executed coordinated raids across remote locations in the district. The police personnel targeted areas known for manufacturing and storing homemade country liquor, alongside illegal trading of country-made and Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL). The operation involved

23 teams comprising 105 police personnel and officers. These teams conducted concurrent raids within different police station jurisdictions, focusing on hidden production units, storage facilities and unauthorised sales points.

### LATUR COPS IN ACTION

SP Munde reported the operation resulted in 73 individual criminal cases. The authorities confiscated materials used in country liquor production, including substantial quantities of hand-produced alcohol and brewing chemicals. The seized items were valued at over Rs 1.7 lakh.

Additionally, substantial amounts of illegal liquor and chemicals were disposed of at the raid locations to prevent distribution.

"The action is part of our ongoing campaign to eliminate illegal liquor operations in the district. We will continue such raids with increased intensity," said an officer of Latur police.

The initiative forms part of the district police's comprehensive plan to disrupt organised and small-scale illegal liquor enterprises operating in rural and inaccessible areas.

The authorities confirmed their commitment to maintaining pressure on repeat offenders and enhancing surveillance in susceptible areas.

SP Munde confirmed this operation marks the beginning of continued enforcement actions planned for the upcoming period to ensure a lasting impact on illegal activities throughout Latur district.

# Half-burnt dead crocodile found in dry water well in Ratnagiri dist

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolhapur: A crocodile was found dead in a half-burnt condition in a dry water well at Gavtale village in Dapoli (tehsil) of Ratnagiri district on Sunday. The forest department is trying to track-down the accused who set the crocodile on fire.

According to the information received from Dapoli forest department, Tushar Mahadik, a snake charmer from Vakavali, informed the forest department about a crocodile that fell into a public well. Accordingly, range forest officer Prakash Patil and forest guards Suraj Jagtap, Shubhangi Bhilare, Shubhangi Gurav, and Vrishwambar Zade rushed to the spot.

The forest department officials found wood burning about 50 metres south of the well. After inspection, they found a burnt crocodile at that place.

The forest department staff quickly doused the fire, but a major portion of the crocodile's body was charred in the blaze.

Range forest officer for Dapoli, Prakash Patil, said, "A case has been registered under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and further investigation is underway. Citizens are appealed to contact the toll-free number of the forest department '1926' in case of such incidents."

In April, the body of Aji Anil Gaikwad (32) from Sangli district was found in the Krishna river. The post-mortem report indicated death by crocodile attack, with visible marks on his hand and face.

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