

**Maharashtra Weekly Current Affairs 16 to 22 October 2023**

**Maharashtra State News**

**Maharashtra law University wins CNLU moot court contest**

**In News:**

- Maharashtra National Law University (Nagpur) team emerged the winners of the first edition of three-day National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)-Chanakya National Law University (CNLU) national moot court competition.

**Key Points:**

- The Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, team was declared the runners up.
- Giving away prizes to the winners, Justice (retired) Sanjay Kumar of Patna high court outlined the importance of human rights and universal access to justice

**Person in News: Asif Qureshi is the new chairman of Bar Council**

**In News:** Asif Qureshi is chairman of Bar Council of Maha and Goa

- City's noted lawyer Asif Shaukat Qureshi has been unanimously elected as the chairman of the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa, marking a remarkable milestone in his illustrious legal career.

**Key Points:**

- With a strong foundation in law, Asif Qureshi commenced his legal practice in 1994, showcasing an unwavering commitment to justice, inspired by the ideals of late Rajiv Gandhi.
- Over the years, Qureshi's dedication to the legal profession has shone through, having expertly handled over 500 cases.
- In 2014-15, Qureshi achieved a historic milestone by being elected as the youngest chairman of the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa, representing a vast community of 1,65,000 lawyers.

**Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras**

**In News:** Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde reviews preparations

**Key Points:**

- The Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras will conduct skill development training programs across various sectors to provide employment opportunities to rural youth.
- Each Kendra will train about 100 youngsters in at least two vocational courses.
- The training is being provided by empanelled industry partners and agencies under National Skill Development Council.
- Establishment of these Kendras will help the region attain significant strides towards developing a more competent and skilled manpower.
- 511 Pramod Mahajan Rural Skill Development Centers in the state will be inaugurated online by PM Modi on Oct 19th.

**About Pramod Mahajan Rural Skill Development Centers**

**Key Points:**

- The centers are named after Pramod Mahajan, a former Union Minister from Maharashtra who was known for his commitment to rural development.
- The centers will offer a variety of courses in different sectors, such as agriculture, manufacturing, and services.
- The centers are expected to benefit over 50,000 youth per year.

**141st International Olympic Committee Session**

**In News:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Mumbai to inaugurate the 141st International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session at the Jio World Centre.

**Key Points:**

- Important decisions regarding the future of Olympic games are made at IOC sessions.

### About International Olympic Committee Session:

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session is the supreme decision-making body of the IOC.
- It is held once a year, and is attended by all IOC Members, as well as representatives from the Olympic Games Organising Committees, the International Federations, and other sports organizations.

The IOC Session is responsible for making decisions on a wide range of matters related to the Olympic Movement, including:

1. Electing the IOC President and other members of the IOC Executive Board
2. Approving the Olympic Games Host Cities
3. Adopting and amending the Olympic Charter
4. Making decisions on the Olympic sports programme and competition rules
5. Overseeing the organization of the Olympic Games

### Did you Know?

- India is hosting the IOC session for the second time and after a gap of about 40 years.
- The IOC's 86th session was held in New Delhi in 1983.

### MH govt launches mobile application called Sahakar Samvad.

#### In News:

- Cooperative housing **society** members now have an online facility to file complaints with Maharashtra Cooperation department recently having launched a user-friendly website and mobile application called Sahakar Samvad.

#### Key Points:

- The platform has options for 24 types of complaints commonly raised by housing society members that include share certificates, misappropriation or misapplication of funds, failure to conduct elections

and failure to convene general body meetings among others.

- Individuals filing complaints on this new platform will be required to pay a nominal fee of Rs 50 for each complaint.

### Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj airport

#### In News:

- The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) will temporarily close both of its runways.

#### Key Points:

- The closure is part of CSMIA's annual post-monsoon preventive maintenance schedule.
- As part of this scheduled temporary closure, airport maintenance and repair activities will be undertaken to ensure airport infrastructure remains in the best condition.
- Meanwhile, PM Modi will inaugurate the third edition of the three-day Global Maritime India Summit (GMIS), which will be held in Mumbai, via video-conferencing today and unveil "Amrit Kaal Vision 2047".

### 14,000 strays vaccinated in rabies-mukt Mumbai campaign

#### In News:

- Over 14,000 strays vaccinated in rabies-mukt Mumbai campaign
- In a commendable effort to combat rabies, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) collaborated with NGOs to vaccinate a total of 14,191 strays between September 29 and October 10.

#### Key Points:

- This initiative, known as the 'Rabies Free Mumbai Campaign,' is part of the Central government's larger mission

- According to reports, the drive primarily targeted densely populated areas in Mumbai, including Dahisar, Kandivali, Borivali, Malad, Powai, Kanjurmarg, Bhandup, Nahur, and Mulund.
- Fifteen teams were deployed for this campaign, with each team comprising members responsible for vaccine administration, data collection, and process monitoring.

### **Koparkhairane and Vashi residents are breathing benzene and toluene chemicals**

#### **In News:**

- Residents of Koparkhairane and Vashi in Navi Mumbai are breathing toxic air, containing benzene and toluene chemicals according to a report by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

#### **Key Points:**

- The report also identified dust and smog as primary causes of concern, as well as the stench from a common effluent treatment plant.
- Toxic gasses in air is due to pollution caused by 100-odd chemical factories in the vicinity.
- Authorities have been instructed to take action to address the pollution, including the use of fogger machines, closure of open tanks, and maintenance of leaking pipes.

### **Pune startup is generating 1.5 million leads for over 600 top tech brands**

#### **In News:**

- From offices in Las Vegas and Koregaon Park, Pune startup Flexisales, is generating 1.5 million leads for over 600 top tech brands

#### **Key Points:**

- Flexisales, a leading B2B company from India, was started by two people in their twenties, Nupoor Ganesh and Ganesh Rajasekaran, in 2010.
- A team of over 400 sales and marketing professionals are working for some of the top global tech names in the US and Europe.

- They generate more than 1.5 million leads for over 600 brands every year.
- The company is now entering health tech and fintech while retaining old clients.
- Offices will be opened in tier-II and tier-III cities of India as well.

### **About Dhamma Chakra Pravartan Diwas**

#### **Key Points:**

- Dhamma Chakra Pravartan Diwas, also known as Dharmachakra Pravartan Din or the Day of the Turning of the Wheel of Dharma, is a Buddhist festival
- It is celebrated on the full moon day of the Ashadha month in the Hindu calendar.
- The festival commemorates the Buddha's first sermon, which he delivered to five ascetics at the Deer Park in Sarnath, India, after his enlightenment.
- In this sermon, the Buddha taught the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path, which are the foundations of Buddhism.
- The Four Noble Truths are
  - The truth of suffering (dukkha)
  - The truth of the cause of suffering (samudaya)
  - The truth of the end of suffering (nirodha)
  - The truth of the path to the end of suffering (magga).

#### **Did you Know?**

- The Eightfold Path is the path of ethical conduct, mental discipline, and wisdom.

### **Bhide Wada in Pune to be turned into national monument**

#### **In News:**

- After over 13 years of legal dispute, the first school for girls in the country - the historical Bhide Wada in Budhwar Peth - will be redeveloped as a national monument.

**Key Points:**

- The school was founded in 1848 by social reformers Jyotirao and Savitribai Phule
- They were running three schools with over 150 students by 1851.
- The school's curriculum was designed to provide girls with a well-rounded education.
- Students learned reading, writing, arithmetic, history, geography, and science.
- They were also taught about social issues such as caste discrimination and widow remarriage.

**Wine-based tourism and international tourist flow can improve Maharashtra's GDP by nearly 20%**

**In News:**

- A report by the International Spirits & Wines Association of India (ISWAI) said that Nashik received more than 3.5 lakh visitors every year as wine tourism here has benefitted nearby villages creating new opportunities to improve state GDP by nearly 20%.

**Key Points:**

- ISWAI is the apex body of the premium AlcoBev sector
- An astounding 1.8 lakh foreign tourists visit the state, with domestic tourists exceeding 4.3 crore, report added.
- In the economic value of the Indian alcoholic beverage industry Maharashtra has been ranked the fifth state after Tamil Nadu, UP, Telangana and K'taka with Nashik emerging as the 'Wine Capital of India'.
- Maharashtra has the largest installed capacity in the country for the production of Alcoholic spirits from molasses and grain.
- Maharashtra has the added advantage of having around 90% of liquor manufacturers in the country establishing their manufacturing units within the state itself.

**SC grants Maharashtra Speaker final opportunity to set fresh time schedule for disqualification hearings**

**In News:**

- The Supreme Court of India has given Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar a final chance to provide a realistic timeline for deciding the cross-petitions filed by rival factions of the Shiv Sena, seeking the disqualification of each other's MLAs following a party split.

**Key Points:**

- The court emphasized the need for a speedy resolution of the disqualification petitions.
- A bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud noted the submission of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta that he will personally engage with the speaker during Dussehra vacation and indicate a firm set of modalities.