



Vehicles move through a traffic congestion near Bandra East railway station, amid an ongoing anti-encroachment drive at Gareeb Nagar slum area, in Mumbai.

CBI Arrests Latur Pediatrician in NEET Leak Probe

Latur, May 21 (UNI) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested a well-known pediatrician from Latur in connection with the NEET paper leak investigation, alleging that he procured the leaked examination question paper for his son before the test.According to investigating agencies, Dr Manoj Sharure was arrested following fresh developments in the ongoing probe into the NEET paper leak case.

Sources said investigators suspect that the leaked question paper was allegedly obtained through the accused Motegaonkar, who had already been arrested earlier in the case.Following leads that emerged during

interrogation, the CBI had intensified investigation activities in Latur over the past several days.

According to information received, the agency carried out searches at multiple locations in Pune on May 20 before later conducting operations in Latur late at night, where Dr Sharure was taken into custody for questioning. He was subsequently formally arrested after prolonged interrogation.

Dr Sharure operates Siddhi Vinayak Children's Hospital in the Juna Ausa Road area of Latur and is known locally as a pediatric specialist. His arrest has triggered shock and discussion within medical circles and across the

district.

Investigators also conducted a raid at the hospital premises, where questioning reportedly continued for nearly four-and-a-half hours.

Sources claimed that during interrogation, certain important facts allegedly emerged, following which the CBI proceeded with the arrest.

Officials have also seized Dr Sharure's mobile phone and are expected to examine his contacts, call records, and messaging details to determine the nature and duration of his alleged links with Motegaonkar and whether the leaked paper was circulated to other individuals. The agency has additionally taken

possession of several documents from the hospital premises.

Sources further indicated that investigators would scrutinise the doctor's bank accounts and financial transactions to trace any suspected payments or suspicious monetary dealings linked to the alleged paper leak operation.The arrest is being viewed as one of the first major actions against a parent in the NEET paper leak case and has intensified concern across Maharashtra regarding the widening scope of the investigation.

The CBI is continuing further investigation to identify additional links and other persons allegedly connected to the racket.

Public Prosecutor arrested while accepting bribe in Court permits

Mumbai, May 21 (UNI) The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has arrested a special assistant public prosecutor red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 25,000 within the court premises.

According to the Thane ACB, the accused AGP Bhupesh Ajit Purandare was handling a case in a court in adjoining Vasai.

The complainant, an advocate practising in the same court had filed an application on behalf of his client seeking recovery of property seized in connection with a case registered at the Manikpur police station.

Purandare allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs 25,000 to submit a favourable opinion or report regarding the return of the seized property.

Unwilling to pay the bribe amount, the complainant approached the ACB and lodged a complaint.In accordance with the complaint received, during the verification conducted before the witness it was found that Purandare had demanded and agreed to accept a bribe of Rs 25,000 from the complainant for his work."Accordingly, the trap operation was conducted and the accused was caught red-handed while accepting the marked bribe amount," the ACB said in a statement on Thursday.

VRAS announces statewide agitation for separate Vidarbha statehood

Nagpur, May 21 (UNI) The demand for a separate Vidarbha state has once again gained momentum after the Vidarbha Rajya Andolan Samiti (VRAS) announced a statewide agitation programme aimed at achieving statehood by 2027.

The decision was taken during the organisation's quarterly national meeting held in Nagpur on Wednesday.

The organisation unveiled a detailed agitation roadmap comprising protests, marches and public outreach programmes across the Vidarbha region to revive the statehood movement.

One of the major announcements was the Kranti Din Long March, scheduled for August 9.

The march will begin from Deekshabhoomi and culminate at Samvidhan Chowk, where a public rally will be organised.

VRAS leaders said the programme is expected to mobilise large-scale public support for the separate Vidarbha demand.

The organisation also announced another phase of protests from September 24 to 28, during which copies of the Nagpur Pact will be symbolically burnt in districts and talukas across Vidarbha.

According to VRAS leaders, the move is intended to highlight what they described as the continued neglect of the region and the failure

to implement commitments made under the pact.

The state-level core committee meeting was held at the MLA Hostel in Nagpur under the chairmanship of former MLA Wamanrao Chatap.

District presidents, coordinators and senior office-bearers from across the region attended the meeting.

Metta Ramarao, national vice-president of the Federation for Creation of New States, was also present.

Apart from protests, VRAS has also planned a public outreach campaign through Vidarbha Nirman Jansankalp Melavas to strengthen grassroots mobilisation.

One such programme is expected to be held at Sindkhed Raja in Buldhana district between July 15 and 20, while another major gathering is planned at Sewagram on October 2, coinciding with Gandhi Jayanti.

During discussions, members also referred to a recent NCRB report allegedly ranking Nagpur among cities with high crime rates.

Based on this, the organisation passed a resolution demanding immediate formation of a separate Vidarbha state, arguing that the region's developmental and administrative concerns continue to remain neglected under the existing system.

Three passengers killed, 33 injured after MSRTC bus overtuns overturns in Gadchiroli

Gadchiroli, May 21(UNI) : At least three passengers were killed and 33 others injured after a Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) bus travelling from Gadchiroli to Umarkedh overturned at the Murkhala–Navegaon ghat near Gadchiroli, official said.According to police the deceased include a seven-month-old infant and the incident occurred on Thursday morning at around 7:30 am.

The deceased have been identified as Khwaja Shahabuddin (58), resident of Desaiganj, Shivansh Swapnil Navghare (7) months, resident of Gadchiroli, and Lakshmbai Ramdas Durkiwar (55), resident of Navargaon, Sindewahi taluka, Chandrapur district.

According to preliminary information, the bus was travelling from Gadchiroli to Umarkedh when the driver allegedly lost control of the vehicle while negotiating a sharp turn in the ghat section, causing the bus to overturn.Local residents, along with police personnel, rushed to the spot and launched rescue operations soon after the accident.

The injured were shifted to a nearby government hospital for treatment.Officials said the condition of some of the injured is stated to be critical, raising concerns that the death toll may rise.

Senior district administration and police officials reached the accident site to monitor rescue and relief operations.

Authorities have initiated an investigation to ascertain the exact cause of the accident.

Govt approves Rs 150 cr fund for Maratha youth initiative ahead of Jarange-Patil agitation

Mumbai, May 21 (UNI) In a major decision aimed at boosting employment and self-employment opportunities for youth from the Maratha community, the Maharashtra government has approved Rs 150 crore fund for the Annasaheb Patil Arthik Magas Vikas Mahamandal (Annasaheb Patil Economically Backward Development Corporation).

The Government Resolution (GR) to this effect was issued by the Planning Department, and the funds will be distributed in the first phase.

This move is expected to provide significant financial backing to educated, unemployed, and economically backward youth from the Maratha community to establish their own businesses and become self-reliant.

Notably, this announcement comes at a crucial political juncture, just as Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange-Patil has threatened to launch another indefinite hunger strike.For the financial year 2025-26, the state government had allocated a total budget of Rs 750 crore for the corporation.Of this, Rs 300 crore had already been transferred previously. With the latest approval of Rs 150 crore, the total released amount stands at Rs 450 crore.

As per government guidelines, strict instructions have been issued to the concerned departments to adhere to all financial rules and regulations to ensure there is no misuse of the allocated funds.The corporation distributes its sanctioned funds in phases of 20, 30, 40 and 50 percent. Subsequent installments are approved only after the department submits an expenditure report of the previous phase to the Planning Department.

The Annasaheb Patil Arthik Magas Vikas Mahamandal was established on August 29, 1998, to provide financial assistance, loans, and subsidies to the economically weaker sections of the Maratha community. It actively implements schemes to promote self-employment, small-scale industries, and entrepreneurship.

To ensure maximum youth can benefit from these schemes, the government revised the annual income eligibility limit in 2017—initially raising it to 76 lakh and subsequently extending it to Rs 8 lakh.

Meanwhile, tension is brewing again as Maratha activist Manoj Jarange-Patil accused the government of failing to fulfill its promises. Following a meeting at Antarwali Sarati, Jarange-Patil announced that he would sit on an indefinite hunger strike starting May 30.

He expressed severe displeasure, stating that while the government repeatedly gives assurances, there is a lack of actual implementation on the ground.Observers believe that while the government's quick release of the Rs 150 crore fund is an effort to defuse the tension, the political atmosphere surrounding the Maratha reservation issue is likely to heat up further in the coming days.

BJP celebrates PM Modi receiving FAO Agricola Medal

Mumbai, May 21 (UNI) : The BJP Maharashtra unit on Thursday welcomed the conferment of the prestigious FAO Agricola Medal 2026 on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, describing it as a matter of pride for the country and recognition of India's contribution to food security and sustainable agriculture.

In a post shared on X through its official handle, the party stated that India's global standing had become stronger through the honour. The party said the award recognised India's contribution to food security, sustainable agriculture and human welfare.

Prime Minister Modi received the Agricola Medal, considered the highest honour of the Food and Agriculture Organization, during a special ceremony held on May 20 at the FAO headquarters in Rome. The award recognises exceptional leadership in the field of agriculture and contribution towards global food security, nutrition, rural development, poverty reduction and sustainable agricultural practices.

The FAO highlighted India's agricultural transformation under Modi's leadership, including support initiatives for farmers, promotion of natural farming, millet cultivation, digital agricultural infrastructure and food security measures.



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