

NTKMA-GSI MEETING | GSI experts to help prepare evidence-based safety measures for millions of pilgrims expected at Kumbh Mela 2027

NTKMA, GSI to assess landslide risks ahead of Kumbh Mela 2027

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In a major step towards strengthening disaster preparedness for Kumbh Mela 2027, the Nashik-Trimbakeshwar Kumbh Mela Authority (NTKMA) will hold a high-level technical meeting with the Geological Survey of India (GSI) on July 23 to initiate a scientific assessment of landslide-prone areas across the Kumbh Mela region and key pilgrimage routes.

The meeting, to be attended by the Regional Director of GSI, Nagpur, will focus on identifying priority locations for geological investigations, planning rapid landslide assessments, and formulating both immediate and long-term mitigation measures to ensure the safety of millions of pilgrims expected to attend the mega

religious congregation.

The initiative comes amid scientific projections that 2027 could witness the effects of a Super El Niño, increasing the likelihood of above-normal temperatures and extreme rainfall events. Such conditions may significantly elevate the risk of floods, landslides, and other weather-related disasters, making scientific hazard assessment a key component of Kumbh Mela planning.

In response to these emerging climate risks, NTKMA has adopted a multi-hazard disaster risk management framework, identifying 17 major hazards that require focus for planning and mitigation. Landslides have been identified as one of the most critical risks because of the region's hilly terrain and the heavy movement of pilgrims through vulnerable stretches.



As part of this strategy, the Authority has sought GSI's technical expertise to carry out rapid site-specific landslide assessments and detailed geological investigations at critical locations. The proposed sites include the Samruddhi Mahamarg Tunnel, Kasra Ghat, Harsul Road (Dindori Road-Trimbakeshwar corridor), Kolambika Devi Trust land, Neel Parvat, the Ghoti-Trimbakeshwar section, the Trimbakeshwar-Jawhar section, and the Saputara section.



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— Shekhar Singh, NTKMA Commissioner

The July 23 meeting will mark the first detailed technical consultation between NTKMA and GSI. Discussions will centre on prioritising locations for field investigations, finalising assessment methodologies, scheduling site visits by geological experts, and preparing a roadmap for implementing long-term mitigation measures. The recommenda-

tions are expected to strengthen the safety of major corridors, protect critical infrastructure, and enhance emergency preparedness for Kumbh Mela 2027.

NTKMA Commissioner Shekhar Singh said the Authority is placing scientific risk assessment at the heart of its planning process.

"The safety of pilgrims is central to every aspect of our

planning for Kumbh Mela 2027. With climate-related risks becoming increasingly unpredictable, scientific risk assessment has become indispensable for disaster preparedness. Our collaboration with the GSI will help identify vulnerable locations well in advance and enable evidence-based mitigation measures, ensuring a resilient and safer Kumbh Mela," he said.

Bhavli Dam Case: 9 in PC till July 18

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A court in Igatpuri on Wednesday remanded nine persons arrested in connection with the alleged molestation of a woman tourist and assault on her family at Bhavli Dam in Nashik district to police custody till July 18. The prosecution sought police custody, stating that the investigation was underway to trace other accused involved in the crime.

The defence opposed the plea, but the court accepted the prosecution's request. Police have also seized a pickup vehicle allegedly used in

the offence. Officials said some accused remain absconding and efforts are on to trace them and recover other vehicles used in the attack. The incident occurred on Sunday when a 44-year-old woman, along with her husband, children and relatives, had visited a water-fall near Bhavli Dam. According to the FIR, two youths allegedly harassed the woman by whistling at her. When her family objected, a group of men allegedly assaulted them, tore the woman's clothes, snatched her mobile phone and robbed her husband's 20-gram gold chain.

Waje seeks faster rollout of Central Govt schemes

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The District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) concluded its two-day review meeting under the chairmanship of Nashik MP Rajabhai Waje, undertaking a comprehensive assessment of 98 Central Government schemes implemented by 37 departments.

The meeting focused on identifying implementation gaps, pending works, fund utilisation, beneficiary outreach and department-wise challenges. MP Waje directed officials to remove bottlenecks and ensure the timely delivery of welfare schemes.

The meeting was attended by co-chairpersons MPs Bhaskar Bhagare and Shobha Bachhav, District Collector Ayush Prasad, Mayor Himgauri Adke, MLAs Nitin Pawar and Saroj Aher, Zilla Parishad Chief Executive Officer Omkar Pawar, along with senior officials from various departments.

Opening the meeting, Waje clarified that the objective of the DISHA Committee is not to reprimand officials but to identify implementation

hurdles and resolve them through coordinated efforts between the administration and public representatives. He urged departments to present practical difficulties along with possible solutions instead of merely providing status reports.

Over the two-day session, detailed reviews were conducted on key sectors, including agriculture, crop insurance, Atal Bhujal Yojana, Jai Jeevan Mission, women and child development, health, education, social justice, rural development, housing, employment, roads, Smart City projects, energy and railways.

In the agriculture sector, Waje directed officials to make sunhemp seeds available at affordable prices, increase soil sample collection and submit proposals to the state government to ensure fair compensation for farmers under the crop insurance scheme. He also sought reports on the re-survey of dark-zone villages and pending works under the Jai Jeevan Mission.

Reviewing the Women and Child Development Department, Waje highlighted the lack of basic facilities



in anganwadis, called for a special action plan to tackle child malnutrition, and demanded the immediate filling of 165 vacant posts under the National Health Mission. He also supported sending a proposal to the state government seeking an increase in the honorarium of ASHA workers.

The committee also reviewed the UDID campaign, road accident black spots, Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana, self-employment schemes, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Smart City projects, pending MSDDL feeder works, MPLADS-funded projects and Common Service Centres (CSCs), issuing directions to the concerned departments for speedy implementation.

Expressing displeasure

over the absence of officials from the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the Fisheries Department and the Forest Department, MP Waje directed that appropriate action be initiated and separate review meetings be held with the concerned departments.

Concluding the meeting, Waje urged departments to present unresolved issues before the upcoming Parliament session so they could be effectively taken up with the Central Government. He stressed that ensuring the timely and quality delivery of government schemes to every eligible beneficiary is a shared responsibility of both the administration and elected representatives.

"The DISHA Committee is not merely a review forum. It is a platform to identify implementation challenges and ensure that government schemes effectively reach the last eligible beneficiary. Successful implementation is a joint responsibility of both the administration and public representatives, and every eligible citizen must receive the benefits in a timely and efficient manner," said Waje.

28 smart parking sites planned

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The NMC Smart Parking project, aimed at easing traffic congestion and strengthening traffic management ahead of the Simhashta Kumbh Mela, is set to move forward, with the tender process entering its final stage. Three contractors have qualified in the fifth round of bidding, and the proposal has been submitted for approval.

The final contractor is expected to be selected within the next week. As tenders switch to civil and development works are currently underway across several parts of the city, the civic body has decided to implement the project in phases. The pilot phase will cover nearly six sq km across the Nashik East and West divisions and include 28 smart parking locations, comprising 22 on-street and six off-street parking zones. Under the project, designated parking and no-parking zones will be created at intervals of 100 to 150 metres.

The tender had to be floated five times after contractors objected to the earlier condition of paying a fixed monthly royalty of ₹35 lakh to the corporation. The civic administration later reduced the royalty to ₹20 lakh.

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Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray on Wednesday urged the party's Nashik municipal corporators to remain patient and united, assuring them that the party would regain its full strength despite the current political challenges.

Addressing the corporators at his residence, Matoshree, Thackeray praised them for resisting alleged attempts to lure them into switching sides with promises of development funds.

"You have demonstrated loyalty by refusing to succumb to inducements in the name of development funds. Our party is going through a transitional phase, but have patience. Better days will certainly return," Thackeray told the delegation.

The meeting came against the backdrop of intense speculation that 12 of the 15 Shiv Sena (UBT) corporators in the Nashik Municipal Corporation were preparing to join the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena. The reports triggered political uncertainty in Nashik, prompting party leaders to move swiftly to prevent any split.

Earlier, group leader



Keshav Porje had publicly asserted that all corporators remained united, while Nashik contact chief Ravindra Mirlekar held meetings with elected representatives to reinforce party unity.

During the interaction, Thackeray reportedly congratulated the corporators for following what he described as the opposition's plan to engineer defections through financial incentives, telling them, "I am proud of you."

The corporators also raised several civic issues affecting Nashik, including indiscriminate tree felling, dug-up roads and causing accidents, worsening traffic congestion, public inconvenience and the awarding of civic contracts to firms from outside the state.

Taking note of these concerns, Thackeray said he

would visit Nashik soon to review the situation and seek accountability from the administration over the city's civic issues.

The meeting was attended by corporators Keshav Porje, Prathamesh Gite, Vaishali Dalvi, Yogesh Gadekar, Bharti Janjale, Shailesh Dhiage, Secma Pawar, Pramila Mahadik, Mangala Adhav, Ruchira Salve, Yogesh Bhor, Vaishali Dani, Sanjayani Handore, Murlidhar Bhambre and Madhuri Dhemse, along with

Vinayak Raut, deputy leader and Nashik contact chief Ravindra Mirlekar, and Vishal Pawar.

Political circles also noted that while the corporators were invited to meet Thackeray, no senior city or district office-bearers accompanied them.

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFASI ACT 2002 CUM NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR

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Sr. No.	Names of the Branch / Borrower / Guarantor	Description of the properties	Reserve Price / EMD Amount / Bid Increment Amount / Bid	Last Date (for sub of EMD)	On Date (Excluding Int. Penal Interest & Expenses)	E-Auction Date & Time
01	Branch: Gaonbhad Name of Account: Pradip Kumar Shrikant Nikam Address: C S No. 270, Out off Nr. Shivkavach Chowk, Old Budhargao Road, Varkarbagh, Sangli, Tal. Miraj, Dist. Sangli 416416. (Type of Possession: Symbolic)	C S No. 270, Out off Nr. Shivkavach Chowk, Old Budhargao Road, Varkarbagh, Sangli, Tal. Miraj, Dist. Sangli 416416. (Type of Possession: Symbolic)	Rs. 19.16 Rs. 1.916 Rs. 1.916	31st July, 2026	Rs. 19.09 plus Uncharged interest and other charges Costs from 30.04.2025	31.07.2026 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM with unlimited Extension of 5 minutes.
02	Branch: Palus Name of Account: Sushant Shivaji Aasale Add: Property in R S No. 2063 & 2064 & Plot No. 101 & 102, A/p, Chaltanya Nagar, Palus, Tal. Palus, Dist. Sangli. (Type of Possession: Symbolic)	Property in R S No. 2063 & 2064 & Plot No. 101 & 102, A/p, Chaltanya Nagar, Palus, Tal. Palus, Dist. Sangli. (Type of Possession: Symbolic)	Rs. 21.40 Rs. 2.14 Rs. 0.10	31st July, 2026	Rs. 20.94 plus Uncharged interest and other charges Costs from 21.05.2024	31.07.2026 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM with unlimited Extension of 5 minutes.
03	Branch: Ambewadi Name of Account: Shubham Dattatray Koravi Address: Row House Unit No. B-4, Phase B, Parking Ground & First Floor, C S No. 1272 & 1373, Shiv Parvati Residency, Parvati Gali, Mouje Vadangan, Tal. Karver, Dist. Kolhapur - 416229. (Type of Possession: Symbolic)	Row House Unit No. B-4, Phase B, Parking Ground & First Floor, C S No. 1272 & 1373, Shiv Parvati Residency, Parvati Gali, Mouje Vadangan, Tal. Karver, Dist. Kolhapur - 416229. (Type of Possession: Symbolic)	Rs. 16.07 Rs. 1.607 Rs. 0.10	31st July, 2026	Rs. 19.03 plus Uncharged interest and other charges Costs from 28.06.2024	31.07.2026 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM with unlimited Extension of 5 minutes.
04	Branch: Ambewadi Name of Account: Shreyas Krushnak Nikam Address: Row House Unit No. A-6, Phase-A, Ground & First Floor, C S No. 1272 & 1273, Shiv Parvati Residency, Parvati Gali, Mouje Vadangan, Tal. Karver, Dist. Kolhapur 416229 (Type of Possession: Physical)	Row House Unit No. A-6, Phase-A, Ground & First Floor, C S No. 1272 & 1273, Shiv Parvati Residency, Parvati Gali, Mouje Vadangan, Tal. Karver, Dist. Kolhapur 416229 (Type of Possession: Physical)	Rs. 8.03 Rs. 0.803 Rs. 0.10	31st July, 2026	Rs. 12.65 plus Uncharged interest and other charges Costs from 11.02.2021	31.07.2026 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM with unlimited Extension of 5 minutes.
05	Branch: Gandhinagar, Kolhapur Name of Account: Shankar Hindurao Sathe Address: Row House Unit No. B, Grampanchayat Mikat No. 4770, Plot No. 15, R.S. No. 363, Nrusinha Park, Behind Shree Swami Samarth Society, Rohidas Chowk, Mouje Gudmushingi, Kolhapur. (Type of Possession: Symbolic)	Row House Unit No. B, Grampanchayat Mikat No. 4770, Plot No. 15, R.S. No. 363, Nrusinha Park, Behind Shree Swami Samarth Society, Rohidas Chowk, Mouje Gudmushingi, Kolhapur. (Type of Possession: Symbolic)	Rs. 15.65 Rs. 1.565 Rs. 0.10	31st July, 2026	Rs. 12.75 plus Uncharged interest and other charges Costs from 26.01.2025	31.07.2026 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM with unlimited Extension of 5 minutes.
06	Branch: Gaonbhad Name of Account: Tanaji Maruti Babar Add: Flat No. A-9, 2nd Floor, 'Shideshwar Sahaniwale' Apartment, C.S. No. 216, Lane 3, Near Siddheshwar Temple, Jaysingpur, Tal. Shirol, Kolhapur - 416101. (Type of Possession: Physical)	Flat No. A-9, 2nd Floor, 'Shideshwar Sahaniwale' Apartment, C.S. No. 216, Lane 3, Near Siddheshwar Temple, Jaysingpur, Tal. Shirol, Kolhapur - 416101. (Type of Possession: Physical)	Rs. 17.18 Rs. 1.718 Rs. 0.10	31st July, 2026	Rs. 35.69 plus Uncharged interest and other charges Costs from 28.02.2025	31.07.2026 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM with unlimited Extension of 5 minutes.
07	Branch: Kasaba Bawada Borrower: Rahul Chandrakant Pirale Address: Row House Unit No. 2, Yash Residency, Phase I, R S No. 11, H. No. 11/4, G. Mikat No. 878, Wadangan Main Road, Near HP Gas Godown, Wawa Kanyalya, At Wadangan, Tal. Karver, Dist. Kolhapur (Type of Possession: Physical)	Row House Unit No. 2, Yash Residency, Phase I, R S No. 11, H. No. 11/4, G. Mikat No. 878, Wadangan Main Road, Near HP Gas Godown, Wawa Kanyalya, At Wadangan, Tal. Karver, Dist. Kolhapur (Type of Possession: Physical)	Rs. 15.76 Rs. 1.576 Rs. 0.10	31st July, 2026	Rs. 13.81 plus Uncharged interest and other charges Costs from 31.07.2019	31.07.2026 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM with unlimited Extension of 5 minutes.
08	Branch: Kolhapur Main Name of Account: Anand Subhanrao Mangute Address: Row House Unit No. 11, Gat No. 1143, Plot No. 15, Veshal Tripathi Park, Mouje Shingapur, Tal. Karver, Dist. Kolhapur. (Type of Possession: Physical)	Row House Unit No. 11, Gat No. 1143, Plot No. 15, Veshal Tripathi Park, Mouje Shingapur, Tal. Karver, Dist. Kolhapur. (Type of Possession: Physical)	Rs. 15.6 Rs. 1.56 Rs. 0.10	31st July, 2026	Rs. 15.25 plus Uncharged interest and other charges Costs from 28.08.2024	31.07.2026 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM with unlimited Extension of 5 minutes.
09	Branch: Shahupuri Name of Account: Suchitra Sanjay Ghodake Address: G.P. Mikat No. 594, At Mouje Ambewadi, Tal. Karver, Dist. Kolhapur. (Type of Possession: Symbolic)	G.P. Mikat No. 594, At Mouje Ambewadi, Tal. Karver, Dist. Kolhapur. (Type of Possession: Symbolic)	Rs. 12.82 Rs. 1.282 Rs. 0.10	31st July, 2026	Rs. 8.32 plus Uncharged interest and other charges Costs from 30.03.2023	31.07.2026 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM with unlimited Extension of 5 minutes.
10	Branch: Gaonbhad, Sangli Name of Account: Vilas Hindurao Kamble Address: Plot No. 1 & 2 Situated at S. No. 15/2B1 (Old S. No. 17/2B1), Near Tanubai Dagadu Khade English School, Sanglikar Mala, Tal. Miraj, Dist. Sangli - 416410. (Type of Possession: Symbolic)	Plot No. 1 & 2 Situated at S. No. 15/2B1 (Old S. No. 17/2B1), Near Tanubai Dagadu Khade English School, Sanglikar Mala, Tal. Miraj, Dist. Sangli - 416410. (Type of Possession: Symbolic)	Rs. 33.67 Rs. 3.367 Rs. 0.10	31st July, 2026	Rs. 42.58 plus Uncharged interest and other charges Costs from 10.04.2025	31.07.2026 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM with unlimited Extension of 5 minutes.
11	Branch: Rajarampuri Name of Account: Sachin Prabhakar Chavan Address: R S No. 179, Maratha Colony, Near Rajgad Colony, Renuka Mandir, Pachgao, Tal. Karver, Dist. Kolhapur. (Type of Possession: Symbolic)	R S No. 179, Maratha Colony, Near Rajgad Colony, Renuka Mandir, Pachgao, Tal. Karver, Dist. Kolhapur. (Type of Possession: Symbolic)	Rs. 6.92 Rs. 0.692 Rs. 0.10	31st July, 2026	Rs. 5.76 plus Uncharged interest and other charges Costs from 29.05.2023	31.07.2026 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM with unlimited Extension of 5 minutes.

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