

# Various programmes mark Constitution Day in city

■ Staff Reporter

A NUMBER of programmes were held in city to mark the Constitution Day, with many opting for reading of Preamble. The focus was at Samvidhan Square where maximum organisation visited and paid obeisance to Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar who is known as architect of Indian Constitution.

Walk for Samvidhan rally was flagged off by Divisional Commissioner Prajakta Lavangare-Verma from Annabhau Sathé memorial at Deekshabhoomi Square. The rally was organised by Samvidhan Foundation and on the occasion EZ Khobragade, retd. IAS Officer, Regional Deputy Commissioner, Social Welfare Department, Siddharth Gaikwad, Sakal's Editor Sandip Bhamre, Dr Chandrashekar Meshram, Adv. Firdos Mirza, Dyaneshwar Rakshak and others were present.

Earlier, Divisional Commissioner garlanded the bust of Annabhau Sathé and paid obeisance. Later Preamble of Constitution was read at the spot. Later statue of Tathagat Gautam Buddha and Bharat Ratna Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar were also garlanded at Deekshabhoomi. The organisation presented a copy of Indian Constitution to Divisional Commissioner.

**NMC:** At Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) Mayor Dayashankar Tiwari and Municipal Commissioner Radhakrishnan B read out the Preamble of the Constitution. Speaking on the occasion, Mayor said the democracy in the country is the best in the world and though people of many race and religious resides in India, at global platform their identity is one, that is Indian. The country is united today due to Indian Constitution due to which there is fraternity and equality among all. Additional Commissioner Ram Joshi, Deputy Commissioner Nirbhay Jain, Assistant Commissioner (Admn) Mahesh Dhamecha, and other senior officers were present.



Dr Nitin Raut reading out Preamble of Indian Constitution at Samvidhan Square. (Pic by Satish Raut)

**Guardian Minister Dr Nitin Raut** was present during mass reading of Preamble of Indian Constitution in a programme held at Samvidhan Square. Addressing the gathering, Dr Raut said we should be proud that 72-years after the adoption Indian Constitution is still holds the fort in nation. To strengthen and protect the democracy in the country we need to inculcate thoughts of Dr Ambedkar, he further said.

Praful Gudadhe, corporators, T B Deotale, Retd. IPS officer, Krishna Ingle, Founder, CAS-TRIBE, Dr Vijay Mahure, Lalit Khobragade, and others were present.

**Parampujya Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Smarak Samiti** also held a programme at Deekshabhoomi to mark Constitution Day. Bhadant Suruei Sasai along with a group of monks visited the Stupa and

paid respects to Dr Ambedkar. Later they read the Preamble of Constitution. On the occasion Sudhir Fulzele, Vilas Gajghate and others were prominently present.

**BSP:** Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) also celebrated Constitution Day under leadership of State unit Treasurer Mahendra Ramteke. Sandip Meshram, District unit chief, Rajiv Bhangre, Jitendra Ghodeswar, corporator, Uttam Shevade and many others were present. BSP came into being due to failure of Congress-BJP to implement the ideal laid down by Dr Ambedkar in Constitution, that of changing the economic disparity into opportunity for deprived classes.

**Divisional Commissionerate:** At Divisional Commissionerate mass reading of Preamble of Constitution was done. Earlier, Deputy Commissioner



Divisional Commissioner Prajakta Lavangare-Verma leading the Walk for Samvidhan rally.



Mayor Dayashankar Tiwari and Municipal Commissioner Radhakrishnan B and others reading Preamble of Constitution.

Shailendra Meshram garlanded the portrait of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar. Assistant Commissioner Harish Bhamre, Tehsildar Arvind Shelokar, Rajesh Bhandarkar, Priyadarshani Borkar and others were present.

**MSEDCL:** At office of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) also Preamble of

Constitution was read by officers and employees. General Manager (Finance and Audit) Sharad Dahedar read out the Preamble. Superintending Engineer Harish Gajbe, Ajay Khobragade, Assistant General Manager (Human Resource) Rupesh Deshmukh, Pradip Satpute and others were present.

**KKSU:** Kavi Kulguru Sanskrit



MSEDCL officers and employees reading out Preamble of Constitution.

University also organised a programme to mark Constitution Day. The programme was jointly organised by National Service Scheme (NSS) and Electoral Literacy Committee under guidance of NSS Co-ordinator Dr Jaywant Chaudhari. Dr Ramcharan Joshi, Registrar, Prof Kavita Holey, Campus Director, Prof Madhusudan Penna, Prof Krishnakumar Pandey, Prof Lalita Chandratre, Dr Deepak Kapde, Prof Parag Joshi, Director, Golwalkar Gurukul, and others were present.

**BJP:** SC/ST cell of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) held a programme at Dr Ambedkar Square, Central Avenue, to mark Constitution Day. Krishna Khopde, MLA, garlanded statue of Dr Ambedkar. Dharampal Meshram, Secretary, BJP, State unit, corporators Pradeep Pohane and Kanta Rarokar along with Anil Gendre, Pramod

Pendke and others were present.

**Retired Social Forum** office bearers visited Gurudwara and presented a copy of Indian Constitution. They also read out the Preamble of Constitution. The office bearers visited Baba Buddhaji Gurudwara and presented the Constitution.

Ashwin Borkar, Pancham Gaikwad, Anand Ambade, Waman Uke, Gopal Khobragade, Shyam Sankale, Shailendra Tembhurnekar, Naresh Kotangale, Upali Patil were present.

Republican Sena, Samarpan Seva Samiti, Bharatiya Vichar Manch, The All India Dhamma Army, Bodhistav Samajik Sanstha, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena, Sevabhava Manda Bahuudeshiya Samaj Vikas Sanstha, Regional Mental Hospital also organised programme to mark the Constitution Day.



Dr Jaywant Chaudhari reading out Preamble of Constitution at KKSU.



Mass reading of Preamble of Constitution at Divisional Commissionerate.



BSP office-bearers snapped in front of Preamble of Constitution installed by NMC at Samvidhan Square.

## AAP takes out Tiranga Yatra

■ Staff Reporter

AAMAadmi Party (AAP) took out a *Tiranga Yatra* to mark the diamond jubilee celebrations of 75th year of India's Independence. The rally was taken out on occasion of Constitution Day and it moved through all six Assembly segments in city.

Hundreds of party activists carrying tri-colour marched through the main thoroughfares and it culminated at Samvidhan Square. AAP leaders garlanded statue of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar and paid respects. They also read out Preamble of Constitution and promised to work within the frame work of Constitution.

Vishesh Ravi, MLA, Karolbagh, New Delhi, had specially came for the *Tiranga* rally while Ranga Rachure, Convenor, AAP, presided over. Vidarbha Convenor Dr Devendra Wankhede and Treasurer Jagjit Singh also lead the march.



AAP's *Tiranga Yatra* on Constitution Day to mark diamond jubilee celebrations of India's Independence. (Pic by Satish Raut)

AAP in its resolve mentioned that Arvind Kejriwal led Delhi Government is working as per the norms listed for functioning of State Government in Indian Constitution and they would be working on same model in Maharashtra also. They promised 20,000 litre of drinking water free, free travel for women and improving home delivery of services.

The party targeted Bharatiya Janata Party for introducing 24x7 water supply scheme through which privatisation was done. NMC-run schools have been shut-down and other works also privatised.

APP said they are going to contest the forthcoming civic elections and started their campaign with 'Aapka Mahapour'.

## Special two-day electoral rolls revision drive from today

■ Staff Reporter

A SPECIAL two-day drive to conduct electoral rolls' revision will be implemented in the district on Saturday and Sunday. This is being done to give added momentum to the ongoing voter registration drive that will conclude on November 30.

Prajakta Lavangare-Verma, Divisional Commissioner, chaired a meeting to take stock of the administration's preparations in this regard. R Vimala, District Collector; Asha Pathan, Deputy Commissioner; Meenal Kalaskar, Deputy District Election Officer were present prominently.

All the Sub-Divisional Officers, Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars, and staffers in Election Branch attended the meeting.

Verma reviewed the progress of voter registration campaign in all six districts of Nagpur Division. The campaign is being implemented across Maharashtra till November 30. As part of the campaign, a special drive was conducted on November 20 and November 21. Another special two-day drive is being conducted on November 27



Prajakta Lavangare-Verma, Divisional Commissioner, addressing the officials during the meeting. R Vimala, District Collector; Asha Pathan, Deputy Commissioner; and Meenal Kalaskar, Deputy District Election Officer, also are seen.

(Saturday) and November 28 (Sunday). During the drive, registration of new voters, deletion of migrated or dead voters, entry of voters migrated to new place, etc are being done.

After taking stock of the situation in Nagpur district, the Divisional Commissioner asked why voter registration was relatively lower in Ramtek than other tehsils, and asked the officials to implement the drive specially in remote areas. She also asked the Department of Posts to actively participate in the drive as in many cases addresses of voters had changed and voter was not found on given address. Still, Election Branch staff should verify

the addresses, she said. She also reviewed registration of women, men, and transgenders.

Several other aspects figured in discussion during the meeting. These included voter registration of labourers in industrial areas, streamlining of polling stations, certification, disposal of pending objections, initiative taken to ensure photo identity card of electors, obtaining the list of dead voters from Birth and Death Registration Department, technical errors in electoral rolls, voter awareness campaign etc. She urged the people to participate in the registration drive to empower themselves to exercise their franchise.

## Machinery gears up in Ramtek

■ Ramtek Correspondent

RAMTEK Municipal Council has geared up for two-day special drive for revision of electoral rolls. Harshal Gaikwad, Chief Officer, said that voters who have completed 18 years of age on January 1, 2020 may register as voters at various polling booths including Samarth Vidyalaya, Swargiya Jatiram Barve School, Swargiya Ramji Mahajan Deshmukh Vidyalaya, Swargiya Sadashiv Kimmattkar Vidyalaya, Rashtriya Adarsh Vidyalaya, Swargiya Shivaji Urade Primary School, and the building hosting office of Sub-Divisional Engineer of Works Department of Zilla Parishad. Voters may also use website <https://nvsp.in> for check their names in the electoral rolls or carry out correction if any, or to enroll new voter.

## '12 Quotidian Affairs' book launch today

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A FUNCTION to mark the launch and cover reveal of the book '12 Quotidian Affairs' written by Manank Panchmati, a practising corporate lawyer from Nagpur, has been organised on Saturday at 5 pm at Crossword, Civil Lines.

Each chapter in the book is independent of the other and is centrally based around the title.

The book carries ample examples from various walks of life, elucidating the concepts presented therein, in a style that the new-age citizen, the millennial would love to read, comprehend the ideas, and think over, stated a press release.

## Strength of the nation is its military: Sanjay Jaju

■ VDIA holds 'Emerging opportunities for MSME in Atmanirbhar Campaign and Import Substitute'

■ Principal Correspondent

STATING that strength of any Nation is its Military, Sanjay Jaju, Additional Secretary, Department of Defence Production said, "Behind the military is its industries which supply the product when it is needed. There is need to change the concept for In-house indigenisation. Product may be costlier than import but it is worth as in the time of war import may not take place."

Jaju was speaking during the inauguration of seminar on 'Emerging opportunities for MSME in Atmanirbhar Campaign and Import Substitute' organised by Vidarbha Defence Industries Association in cooperation with

the Department of Defence Production, Government of India. The JSR Dynamics and VED were co-hosts for the event.

Jaju said, "In import foreign exchange has gone forever but in indigenous products money is churned in India only. Therefore, dependency upon foreign technology is risky. Budget of Defence ministry is 3rd highest and big chunk is available for MSME. It is right time to get into the supply chain system and take participation in defence manufacture though it is risky but profitable also."

Government has changed many things and further changes are in the pipeline. Quality and inspection next in line, which will bring level playing field for everyone and DGQA inspection will be for final acceptance only. 209 nos Indigenisation positive list is already out and after 2025 there will not be import of any items as all have to be manufactured in India under Atmanirbhar Bharat, pointed out Jaju.



Sanjay Jaju, Additional Secretary, Department of Defence Production, addressing the gathering while others look on.

In Session I: Emerging opportunities for MSME in Atmanirbhar Campaign and Import substitute Industrialisation, AVM Shirish Deo (Rtd) stated that there is need to bring commonality in stamp duty for Bank Guarantee for MSME. This will be great relief to MSME in government tenders.

Lt. Gen. Vinod Khandare (Rtd), Dr Jajit Bhattacharya also spoke.

In Session II: Opportunities in India with Overseas Partners in Defence Sector, Shiv Kumar Rao - President, Vidarbha Economic Development Council was the Facilitator.

C G Shegaonkar, President MIDC Industries Association;

Nitin Lonkar, Former President Butibori Industries Association; Ramesh Patel, Convenor Automobile Cluster Nagpur; Mahesh Tapase, Chairman Vibrant India Economic Council Mumbai participated.

In Session III: Emerging Opportunities Post Corporatisation of Ordnance Factories, Dilip V Gondnal, Senior Deputy Director General (Rtd) and Member VDIA (Advisory Board) was the Facilitator. Speaker were A N Srivastava, Director (Operations) Yantra India Limited Nagpur and Sanjeev Kumar Bhola, Additional General Manager, Ordnance Factory, Chanda.

Maj Gen Anil Bam (Rtd), Chairman Designate VDIA Nagpur acted as Facilitator in the Session IV which was on 'Vidarbha the Land of Eternal opportunities'. Rahul Pande, State Information Commissioner, Government of Maharashtra, was the speaker.

Rahul Pande said, "Vidarbha

has lost two big chance in past. First one in last decade of Nineteen Century at Surjagarh due to non-availability of railway line for transport of iron ore, which is of the best quality in the world. Tata wanted to put up a factory but it could not be materialised due to under development of infrastructure. Second time again, Tata wanted to close down old Empress Mill and wanted to set up a state of the art Textile factory but that tile Govt of Maharashtra denied the permission for close down. The new factory was set up at Pimpri-Chinchwad Pune and rest is the history. Now VDIA has brought MSME under one roof and this time MSME should not miss the bus under Atmanirbhar Bharat."

Brig S K Chatterjee (Rtd), Editor, Bharat Shakti commented, "Government of today is more proactive and ready to listen and make changes as suggested. These are quite evident from the perusal of DAP 2020 and over DPP 2016."