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COMING UP NEXT WEEK: "MASTERS OF MELODY" AT GADKARI RANGAYAN - APRIL 24

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Canvas of Excellence at Thane School of Art

World Art Day, celebrated this Wednesday, serves a gentle reminder that every time we choose art over the mundane things in life, we define humanity. Institutions like the Thane School of Art, teaches students to see life through the lenses of art. For the past 40 years, this school has stood as the only institution in the city providing formal education in the field of fine arts. Founded in 1986 by Nilima Kade and Varsha Kulkarni, it has nurtured young budding artists across Maharashtra.



With a diverse experimental system and teaching, their philosophy is simple- "Academic excellence must go hand in hand with the freedom to experiment. Along with value based education, they believe in enriching the student's life through various experiments and skill-based learning. They also provide a platform where the student can showcase their talents at the national as well as international level. To this date, students who have graduated from this institution, have taken their artistic spirit across India and abroad.

Schools are a temple of learning and the Thane School of Art has remained one where the bond between the students and teachers is sacred. All of the faculty pours their heart into "Dnyandan," with a promise that every student leaves the place with a soul enriched by craft.

The institution recently concluded



Chief Guest Milind Ballal, Editor in Chief of Thanevaibhav, at Thane School of Art

its Annual Art Exhibition. As students came together with a unified spirit to create wall paintings in the traditional Indian art style, a feeling of nationality and belonging was felt throughout the gallery.

The success of the exhibition is

owed to the invaluable cooperation of the institution's trustees, teachers, and staff. The Chief Guest for the prize distribution ceremony, Milind Ballal, Chief editor of Thanevaibhav, extended his blessings to the trustees, teachers and students. He also presented a

The exhibition featured a wide variety of creative works. Students displayed experimental works in Metal Work, Ceramic Work, Paper Craft, Paper Mache, Resin Art, and Printmaking. The Designs, Still Life, and Puppet Work by the ATD students became the talk of the exhibition. The G.D. Art Students produced works that were both highly academic and of professional caliber, with the exceptional quality of Printmaking and Painting.

poem during his guiding speech for the students.

Throughout its four decades of journey, the institution has never succumbed to the temptations of commercialisation. By focusing solely on student welfare and academic quality, Thane School of Art continues to maintain its reputation as a leading college in Maharashtra.



The New Thane-Mulund Station is Officially On

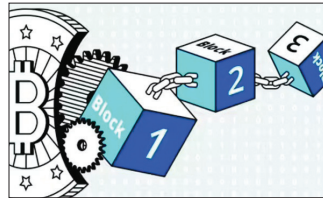
The Railway board has recently approved the financial funding for an "extended" railway station between Thane and Mulund. The tendering process will begin soon.

Thane railway station currently handles an estimated passenger load of approximately 10 to 12 lakh commuters daily. The new station is expected to reduce the crowd at Thane by half. It will reduce travel time to just a few minutes for these commuters and will benefit residents of Wagle Estate, Vartak Nagar, and Vasant Vihar.

The Central Railways Board will provide a funding of 256 crore for the new station. The station is proposed to be built on the land currently occupied by the Thane Mental Hospital between Thane and Mulund. The Thane Municipal Corporation will oversee the progress of the work. The project is expected to be completed and open to passengers by 2029.



TMC Goes Tech-Savvy



In an effort to provide citizens with more transparent, efficient and secure digital services, the Thane Municipal Corporation is going to adopt a blockchain technology, as proposed by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. The use of block chain will bring radical changes to various services provided by the corporation.

Blockchain is a decentralised and secure digital ledger technology where information is stored in "blocks" linked together like a chain. Once a transaction is recorded in a block, computers across networks verify it. By decentralising the data, it is stored across multiple computers ensuring high-security.

Digital birth and death certificates will curb forged documents, making the verification process faster and more reliable. Property tax documents and various certificates under the Service Guarantee Act will be available securely and on time. NOCs and permits issued by Fire, Health and Construction will be provided in digital format. Sensitive data will be protected from cyber-attacks due to cryptographic hashes.

Tenders will be invited to proceed under Section 72 (B) of the Maharashtra Municipal Corporation Act. The corporation is seeking liability approval for these funds to move forward for this project.

Thane Railways: A New Hub for Drug Smuggling?

A case has been registered at the Thane Railway Police station after two unclaimed bags filled with drugs were discovered. Although an investigation is underway, it raises serious questions- Are drugs being smuggled into the city via the railway network?

With a total of 10 platforms, lakhs of passengers travel through Thane station, leading to day and night patrolling by the police. Officers from the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRP) regularly conduct inspections.

On Monday, two unclaimed bags were spotted on Platforms 7 and 8. Both the bags contained a stock of marijuana worth approximately 1,64,000 lakh rupees, weighing around 8 kilograms. A case has been registered under Sections 20(b) and 8(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

The number of drug addicts in the vicinity has



increased over the past few years. The Thane City Police detained a youth for drug consumption 10 days ago. This has raised serious concerns regarding passenger safety, especially women and children. Passengers are now demanding serious action against these addicts.

Speak Marathi or Lose Your Permit

The state government has now issued an order to conduct a thorough re-verification of rickshaw and taxi licenses. Authorities took action after complaints surfaced about the use of forged documents to obtain licenses in the Mira-Bhayandar area. During this re-verification, it will also be strictly scrutinised whether rickshaw drivers know Marathi. Authorities may take action to revoke the licenses of drivers who cannot speak Marathi.

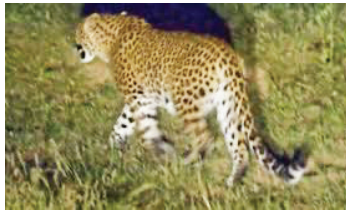
The complaint came to light following



complaints made by BJP MLA Narendra Mehta that some migrants and foreign nationals, in collusion with the local administration, obtained residency certificates through forged documents to acquire rickshaw and taxi licenses.

Transport Minister Pratap Sarnaik has issued strict directives and has ordered a report to be submitted by May 1. Action will be taken not only against the drivers but also against the officials who issued licenses through wrongful methods.

Blood on the Green



A shocking incident has come to light in the Yeoor forest area. Four leopards were poached in just five months, raising serious allegations about wildlife conservation. Allegations are also surfacing that pressure is being exerted on certain forest officials to suppress the case.

Local environmentalists and citizens have expressed intense outrage over the incident and are demanding an impartial investigation. There are fears that the continuous killing of protected wildlife will threaten the ecological balance of the forest. Disruption of leopard territory can lead to more frequent human-animal encounters in urban areas.

There is a growing demand for relevant authorities to take immediate action and ensure strict punishment for the culprits.

29km Circular Metro Officially Breaks Ground

The work for the Thane Circular Metro has commenced in the Ghodbunder area. The project is designed to resolve the traffic congestion on the internal roads of Thane city. The first phase of the work has started, and excavation on the roads is expected to begin soon. Currently, commuters traveling to Thane Railway Station from internal areas have no alternative but to use rickshaws or private vehicles, leading to heavy traffic jams.

The total cost of the project is estimated



to be around 12,000 crore. It is expected to be a 29 km long corridor with 22 stations, built with the help of Maha Metro.

Thane Municipal Corporation recently granted permission to fell 3,000 trees for the construction, which has sparked resentment among environmentalists. Construction has also begun in the Brahmand area, where barricades have been erected near a local garden, closing off access to the park.

The circular metro aims to provide a much-needed alternative.

Extortion Attempt Foiled at Thane-Mulund Toll



A chilling incident involving a suspected "staged accident" took place near the Thane-Mulund toll plaza on April 12, where a child allegedly jumped in front of a moving vehicle. Police suspect it to be a calculated attempt at financial extortion.

The footage, captured on the car's dashboard camera, shows the child moving into the path of the car. According to the driver, the child deliberately timed it to coincide with the car's movements. The video evidence has

been submitted to the authorities to support the set-up claims. A formal police complaint has been filed at the Navghar Police Station.

There are growing concerns that this is not an isolated incident. The police suggest that there are some groups that might be using children to execute these scams to extort money. Authorities and road safety experts suggest installing a dashcam in cars and immediately call the police first in case of such incidents.



Celebrating Women: Nirupa's & Thanevaibhav Host a Cultural Extravaganza

On April 14, Nirupa's and Thanevaibhav came together to present the "Nirupa's Women's Cultural and Award Ceremony" at the Thane Club. The event was an expression of celebrating womanhood, designed to honor achievements.

The main segment of the event was the felicitation ceremony. The organisers, Nirupa Tayde, Chief Editor

of Thanevaibhav Milind Ballal, and Managing Editor Nikhil Ballal felicitated 11 Lions Clubs across Thane and The NIMA Womens Forum of Thane. The guests of honor- Dr Dnyanada Bandodkar, Dr Shweta Rao Warke, Dr Alpana Vaidya, Dr Mitali Vaidya, and Sharmila Madiwale were recognised for their significant contributions and leadership.

The highlight of the event was a Women's Special Karaoke Session, where the guests celebrated through music.

Elegance and empowerment dominated the air at this event, leaving everyone feeling a little more connected and inspired by the powerful women standing beside them.



Amidst the crowded cafes at Hiranandani Estate, Thane, a “portal” to another world has opened. At Selkie’s, siblings Chandni and Kush have created more than just a bakery and café. They’ve built a space where food becomes storytelling. Because sometimes, what feeds the heart goes far beyond what’s on the plate.

For Chandni, Selkie’s began as a bucket-list project that she brought to life. A 3D animator with over a decade of experience across feature films, VFX, and gaming, she drew inspiration from the Selkie—an Irish mythological shape-shifter who lives as a seal in water and a human on land. Much like its namesake, “Selkie’s” travels across cultures, bringing together flavours from around the world under one roof.

The most striking thing about the place, beyond the food & beverages, is its

architecture. The pastry and food counter is shaped by a circular archway, inviting you to step in and leave the outside world behind. Above, the constellation-inspired lighting narrates a tale of a Greek hero crossing turbulent seas with his reward awaiting at the dessert counter.

The name itself captures a sense of curiosity and value, promising quality,

adventure and inclusivity. She brought in a Taiwanese Chef, for whom baking is as much food science as it is art form. Curating authentic recipes from over 13 different countries over the world, this is the only place in Thane where a French cheesecake and a Japanese cream puff sit side by side.

From Australian Lamingtons and

Hungarian Rigó Jancsi to traditional Jewish Babka, Italian Bombolonis, Boston cream pie, and artisanal gelato, the offerings pay homage to beloved global traditions. Beyond desserts, Selkie’s also champions bread culture, baking everything from scratch and introducing Thane to the warmth of Asian-style bakeries—where everyday indulgence meets nostalgia.

Deeply rooted in the local community, Selkie’s extends its storytelling beyond food. Recognising the need for accessible platforms, Chandni has dedicated a wall to showcase works by Thane-based artists. With live events like an open mic night, games night, workshops or stand-ups, the place serves as a comfortable space for unwinding after a long week. Once you walk in here, you are not a customer; you are someone who has opened the portal to see what happens when a storyteller decides to bring her stories to life.

The Selkie’s Script

Saturday, April 18:

Write Your Voice— A creative learning and writing workshop for Gen Z to turn their thoughts into poetry, blogs and short stories. Learn how to turn your everyday thoughts into compelling stories and discover your unique writing voice. For more information- 9833011488 Hitixa Vora (Value Words)

Marathi Play – Featuring plays like Animal and Shantecha Karta Chalu Ahe at Ram Ganesh Gadkari Rangaytan and Kashinath Ghanekar Natyagruha. Tickets available on Bookmyshow.

The Saturday-Sunday Social

Sunday, April 19:

Clay Coffee & Conversations— At Selkie’s, Hiranandani Estate, Thane. A therapeutic hand-building pottery workshop, perfect for socialising with friends, while you create. More details on Bookmyshow.

Open Mic Thane Mix Jam— At Eternal Motives Studio, Hiranandani Estate, Thane. Show your talent in music, comedy, or poetry. More details on Bookmyshow.

Coming up next week:

Masters of Melody: A musical journey through Bollywood classics- April 24 at Gadkari Rangaytan. Tickets available on Bookmyshow.