



A Dharma Samsad with seers of different mutts will be arranged during Kumbha Mela in Prayagraj of Uttar Pradesh in January to discuss Ram Mandir issue

Vishweshwara
Teertha, Pejawar
Mutt seer

Shivamogga police launch online website

The website lets people report complaints, file FIRs, pay fines or penalties online and act as informers

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THE Shivamogga police's new website - www.shivamoggapolice.com - was launched at the office of the Superintendent of Police here on Monday. The website allows people to file a complaint if filing of the FIR was delayed, to pay penalties online, to report crime and traffic rule violations, among others. SP Abhinav Khare launched the website.

Khare told mediapersons that the new website has been launched in order to make Shivamogga police more people-friendly. The website has a traffic fine corner, which is integrated with KarnatakaOne.

"People can pay their fines online without visiting the station. People can also report crimes on the website. Public eye is another initiative provided on the website, where people can click photographs in case of the violation of traffic rules and upload the photo along with the details. Once done, the police will verify the report and initiate action against the violators," he said.

The SP said the Auto Mitra app, which is used to file complaints against autorickshaw



Shivamogga SP Abhinav Khare and ASP Muttu Raj explaining the features of the website at his office in Shivamogga on Monday | SHIMOGA NANDAN

ickshaw drivers, on Google Play Store has been receiving a very few complaints and he requested people to use the app in case of any complaints.

The user needs to register himself/herself on the app.

By scanning the QR code or entering the PSN number from the autorickshaw

driver's display card, passengers can easily verify the driver's information through this app and can also share details through SMS, WhatsApp, Facebook and Gmail to their dependents, about their location. The passengers can also rate the driver between one to five stars and report any complaints.

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Abhinav Khare, Superintendent of Police

The police will attend to those complaints and notify the user about the same on the app.

The SP said through the Police Station Mitra app, available on Google Play Store, people can lodge complaints against the police too if their FIR was not registered. People can also file an FIR online. The FIR application will be sent to the SP. The panel will investigate the reason as to why the FIR was not filed and necessary action will be taken.

The user will be updated with the status on the app. He said people can also download KSP app which has the phone numbers of all the police stations in the state. Additional SP Mutturaj was present at the press meet.

Police form three teams to nab highway dacoits

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IN connection with the highway dacoity case reported near Hebbalu toll gate on NH 4 at around 3 am on December 29, the police said that three people who were involved, have been identified by the complainant.

Superintendent of Police Chethan R told *The New Indian Express* that three teams have been formed to nab the culprits. "It is estimated that 300kg of silver worth ₹60 lakh has been robbed from the victims. The value of the stolen goods may go up further. We have identified some suspects," he said.

According to the complainant, Jagannath Khandekar, who hails from Satara district of Maharashtra, who currently resided in Salem, Tamilnadu, on December 28, he and his friend Panduranga Mali

went to Kolhapur city to get 300 kg of silver worth ₹60 lakh that belonged to him and 20 other friends of his. On December 29, he and his friend were travelling to Salem from Solapur through NH 4 Bengaluru-Hubbali highway at midnight with the silver.

The dacoits, came in a Fortuner car, overtook Jagannath's car and blocked the way by threatening them with knives. The dacoits threatened them and took them in their car to Chitradurga on a narrow road via Solapur-Chitradurga highway and kept them waiting near a petrol bunk. After sometime the dacoits brought Jagannath's car to the petrol bunk. However, there was no silver inside the car. The dacoits robbed them of their ATM cards, two mobile phones and ₹14,000 of cash. Jagannath stated in his complaint that of the five dacoits he can recognise three.

Shivamogga district unlikely to face scarcity of fodder



According to data released by the district administration, the district has a stock of 7,43,617 tonnes of animal food | SHIMOGA NANDAN

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IF the statistics released by the district administration are to be believed, there will not be scarcity of fodder in the district this year despite the fact that the state government has declared four out of seven taluks drought-hit. The district has enough fodder to feed cattle heads for the next eight months.

Sources in the district administration said as paddy is still being harvested, there will be no fodder scarcity this summer. According to data released by the district administration, the district has a stock of 7,43,617 tonnes of fodder. Thanks to the harvesting of paddy, the district will have fodder for five more weeks. With this, the district will have enough fodder for 35 weeks.

The data states that there are 7,17,991 cattle heads in the district as per an animal census in 2012. The cattle heads require 25,130 tonnes of fodder per week. Shivamogga has 96,812 cattle heads which require 3,388 tonnes of fodder per week.

The taluk has 1,00,060 tonnes of fodder, which is enough for 30 weeks. Bhadravati, which is also drought-hit, has 64,097 cattle heads and requires 2,243 tonnes of fodder. It has a stock of 66,243 tonnes of fodder which is enough for 30 weeks.

Drought-hit Sorab taluk has 1,04,866 cattle heads and requires 4,332 tonnes of fodder. The taluk has 1,00,697 tonnes of fodder in stock, enough to feed for 27 weeks.

Fodder availability in tonnes

Shivamogga - 1,00,060 tonnes

Bhadravati - 66,243 tonnes

Sorab - 1,00,697 tonnes

Sagar - 1,32,698 tonnes

Shikaripura - 89,370 tonnes

Hosanagara - 1,23,287 tonnes

Thirthahalli - 1,31,262 tonnes

Sagar taluk, which has 1,23,771 cattle heads, requires 3,018 tonnes of fodder. The taluk has a stock of 1,32,698 tonnes of fodder, which is enough for 31 weeks.

Drought affected Shikaripura, which is declared drought hit, has 86,200 cattle and requires 4,238 tonnes of fodder. The taluk has 89,370 tonnes of fodder and is enough for 30 weeks.

Hosanagara taluk, which has 1,21,075 cattle heads, needs 4,241 tonnes of fodder. It has a stock of 1,23,287 tonnes of fodder, which is enough for 29 weeks. Thirthahalli taluk has 1,21,170 cattle heads and requires 3,670 metric tonnes of fodder. The taluk has 1,31,262 tonnes of fodder which is enough for 31 weeks.

Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry Department Sadashiva P M told *The New Indian Express* that paddy on 1.04 lakh hectares is being harvested in the district. "This will yield five lakh tonnes of fodder which is more than enough for the district. We have surplus stock and if the need arises, we will supply fodder to other districts too," he said.



BY THE CHILDREN, FOR THE CHILDREN

Students taking part at Yuva Samsath, a children's parliament, at Zilla Panchayat hall in Shivamogga on Monday. The children conducted a mock parliament session and learnt how the Parliament functions | SHIMOGA NANDAN

SHIMUL increases milk purchase price by ₹1 per litre

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SHIVAMOGGA, Davanagere and Chitradurga Co-operative Milk Union Limited (SHIMUL) has announced a new year bonanza for milk producers by increasing the procurement price for milk by ₹1 per litre.

President of SHIMUL, Vidyadhar, stated in a release that at the 372nd Administrative Board Meeting of the Milk Union held on December 29, they members decided to increase the procurement

price to protect the interest of milk producers. He stated that SHIMUL collects 5 lakh litres of milk every day.

Of the five lakh litres, 2.32 lakh litres of milk is sold locally. One lakh litres is converted into powder for children the under Ksheera Bhagya Scheme. The remaining 1.68 lakh litres made into skimmed milk powder and butter.

Expecting better market prices for the milk products in stock, SHIMUL has decided to increase the procurement price.



Practice humility, respect your elders: Former ZP Prez to kids

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FORMER Zilla Panchayat president Rekha Huliya-p Gowda called upon students to imbibe good qualities like humility in addition to being good in studies.

Speaking at the MES Demonstration High School's anniversary function here on Monday, she said that it was not enough if children are educated, they should cultivate values and life skills.

School development committee president M V Shadakshari insisted that qualities like respecting elders and teachers and love for the nation should also



DMC president M Shadakshari awards a student at Demonstration High School in Chikkamagaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

be imbibed in children. Headmistress Khauser Fatima presided over the program. Talented students were felicitated on the occasion.

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