

PRESS NOTE

PMRDA Welcomes Palkhi Processions; Arranges Amenities for Warkaris!

Pune: Extending a revered tradition of service, the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) accorded a warm and grand welcome to the Ashadhi Wari Palkhi processions of Sant Dnyaneshwar Maharaj and Sant Tukaram Maharaj as they entered the metropolitan limits.

Special welcome centers were set up at Wadki Nala on Saswad Road and Kadamwakwasti on Pune-Solapur Road to facilitate the devotees. The initiatives were executed under the guidance of Metropolitan Commissioner Dr. Abhijit Chaudhari and Additional Metropolitan Commissioner K. Manjulekshmi.

Apart from felicitating the *Dindi* (troupe) chiefs, the authority set up dedicated counters to distribute refreshments and clean drinking water to thousands of *Warkaris* (pilgrims) heading towards the temple town of Pandharpur.

The Sant Dnyaneshwar Maharaj Palkhi procession was received at Wadki Nala on Saswad Road, where PMRDA officials honored the *Dindi* leaders. The logistical operations at this venue were managed by Executive Engineer Nandkumar Korke and Deputy Engineer Nandkumar Khot. A dedicated team of junior engineers, including Sanket Sanap, Lalit Shinde, Kartik Patil, Purushottam Shamal, Kiran Koshti, and Anil Jadhav, worked round the clock to ensure seamless distribution of amenities. Additionally, teams from the Pune Metropolitan Fire and Disaster Management Force (PDRF) were deployed on-site to ensure safety and emergency preparedness.

Simultaneously, the Sant Tukaram Maharaj Palkhi procession was welcomed at Kadamwakwasti on Pune-Solapur Road. Executive Engineer Shivkumar Kupal, Assistant Accounts Officer Poonam Borate, and Deputy Engineer Amit Tidke led the felicitation of the *Dindi* heads. Junior engineers Jayesh Bhadane, Ganesh Sutar, Govind Sargar, Pooja Desai, and Sonali Takte spearheaded the ground management to ensure structured distribution of water and snacks.

Reflecting on the arrangements, several pilgrims expressed satisfaction and lauded PMRDA's proactive civic management and community service amidst the spiritual atmosphere.

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