

University in Pune along with actor Amitabh Bachchan to inaugurate a new studio setup of the Symbiosis Institute of Media & Communication (SIMC) on Monday.

Asked about his future plans in Indian politics by a student during an interactive session, Singh said, "Right

I do not want to be a part of it," he said. Supporting Bachchan for his generosity, Singh said, "Amitabh does not belong to India, but to the entire world as he has been voted as the Man of the Millennium by BBC. He loves Marathi as much as he loves Hindi."

Grateful for giving his name to the

Talking about the importance of popular commercial Indian cinema, Bachchan said, "Popular cinema made for entertaining public, who wants to momentarily escape from his mundane life. Why would a common man pay money and watch a film, to see his own life replicated."

# PM to attend NCL event tomorrow

He will participate in the diamond jubilee celebrations of the lab

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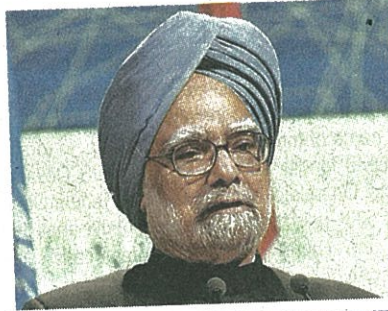
Prime minister Manmohan Singh will be visiting the city on Thursday to attend the concluding ceremony of the diamond jubilee celebrations of the National Chemical Laboratory (NCL).

Singh will lay the foundation stone of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune, and unveil the NCL diamond jubilee plaque, besides dedicating to the nation the diamond jubilee polymers and advanced materials building.

NCL director S Sivaram told reporters on Tuesday that the prime minister will be accompanied by state governor K Sankaranarayanan, Union minister of state for science and technology Prithviraj Chavan, chief minister Ashok Chavan and minister of state for human resource development (higher education) D Purandeswari.

NCL, a constituent laboratory of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), was inaugurated on January 3, 1950 by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Since then, the NCL has contributed in development of chemical industry in India. NCL was the first research laboratory inaugurated in independent India and has a historical significance for building a base of science and technology in India, Sivaram said.

Sivaram said that the work of the diamond jubilee polymers and advanced



## EXHIBITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NCL has organised an exhibition to commemorate its diamond jubilee. The exhibition will be inaugurated by director general of CSIR SK Brahmachari on Thursday afternoon.

The exhibition has been organised by NCL's innovation park and will be thrown open to the public on Saturday and Sunday. The exhibition is based on energy, environment, transport, NCL and other subjects. It will remain open to people between 9 am and 6 pm and there will be no entry fee.

materials building, spread over 85,000 square feet, was completed in January.

"This is the only construction done on the NCL premises after 1984," he said.

At present, the NCL has 446 PhD students involved in 300 research projects. It has a manpower of 700.

# Kothrud shooting fallout of gang war, say police

**DNA Correspondent**

The city police apprehend the shooting incident at Kothrud late Monday night to be a fallout of a gang war.

Ten members of the infamous criminal Nilesh Ghaiwal gang had opened fire on a rival Gajanan Marne gang member at Shastrinagar in Kothrud area.

The Kothrud police have registered an offence against Ghaiwal along with his aides Santosh Gawde, Deepak Amle, Nilesh Gawde, Sada Marathe, Sham Phatak and other 25 people under section 307 (attempt to murder) of Indian Penal Code (1860), section 3 (25) of the Arms Act (1959) and section 3 of Criminal Amendment Act (1932). Sumit Shrikant Naik (20) of Shastrinagar, who is connected with the Marne gang, was allegedly shot by Ghaiwal gang members.

## The Kothrud police have registered an offence against Ghaiwal gang

The police said Marne gang had allegedly tried to murder Ghaiwal in June last year and notorious criminal Gajanan Marne had to surrender before the court in that case.

Naik and his friend Akash Mokate were going on a motorcycle on Monday night when Ghaiwal and his associates attacked the duo near Hamraj Mitra Mandal in Shastrinagar. Naik was injured in the incident.

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