

Forest officials, cops maintain strict vigil at tourist hotspots

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Nashik: Forest officials and the police are maintaining a strict vigil at tourist spots across the district, mainly in the Trimbak, Ghoti, and Igatpuri regions, to ensure minimal crowding to avoid any untoward incidents.

In a slew of measures, forest officials have prohibited access to Dugarwadi waterfall. The officials are also keeping a vigil in the Pahine area, considering the influx of tourists, especially on weekends.

“We have deployed personnel at the Dugarwadi waterfall area. Tourists are not allowed in the area, but in case someone manages to get closer to the falls, the person will be instructed to

keep away from the water,” Rajesh Pawar, regional forest officer for Trimbakeshwar, said.

Pawar, commenting on the beeline to climb the famous Harihar fort, said trekkers will be allowed to go in batches of 50 people every hour to prevent a rush on the narrow steps of the fort.

“The last batch will be sent at 3pm to ensure all tourists return before sunset,” he said.

Meanwhile, the police are on alert at the Bhavali dam area.

“At least 20 police personnel are deployed at various spots around the dam on weekends to ensure there is no overcrowding,” said inspector Rahul Tasare of the Igatpuri police.

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