

The date will be submitted to the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI). After receiving their permission, the vaccine will enter phase II and III clinical trials in dog bite patients in the age-group of five years and above in Vellore, Beharapur and Thiruvananthapuram. The results of this trial should be available by the end of this year," Kulkarni said.

Rabies is an acute viral disease of the central

As the disease progresses, the patient comes agitated and combative and may exhibit mental confusion. The affected person usually becomes sensitive to touch, loud noises and lights. The victim becomes extremely thirsty but is unable to drink because swallowing is painful. Some patients begin to dread water. Death usually occurs three to 20 days after symptoms have developed. Recovery is very rare.

cality and visit it on a daily basis to capture dogs for sterilisation. They also work on the complaints received by PMC headquarters and work on an ad hoc basis. The NGOs have their own vans to catch stray dogs.

People head to cosmetic surgeons to do away with wrong beauty treatment

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Pune: Several beauty-conscious patrons of the friendly, neighborhood beauty parlour are landing up at the clinics of cosmetic surgeons and skin specialists. With beauty enhancement services cropping up in every nook and corner, improper use of bleaching powder, chemical peels and facial packs is causing skin burn, hyper-pigmentation, redness, and severe itching in many, say doctors.

"I see two to three cases every month where the beauty treatment has gone awry due to half-baked knowledge among unqualified beauticians. The cases which we usually come across pertain to skin burns, hyper-pigmentation, allergic skin reaction and skin rashes due to improper use of cosmetics," said cosmetic and plastic surgeon Parag Sahasrabudhe.

He also receives several patients showing side effects of chemical peeling. "Sometimes the scars suffered during the process cannot be undone," he said.

"I recently came across a case where a 25-year-old woman had developed redness on the face, itching and pustules (small skin boils) soon after going in for beauty treatment. We treated her with antibiotics, anti-allergic drugs and moisturizers. It took her at least 10 days to recover and fortunately it did not leave any permanent skin scars or patches," Sahasrabudhe said.

Cosmetic and plastic surgeon Ashish Davalbhakta said, "Improper methods and unhygienic standards of conducting waxing can lead to folliculitis (skin infection) in which the skin develops multiple small skin boils. Besides, I come across cases where people have developed burns related to hot wax and scalding due to facial steam."

"In some cases where chemical peels are done in a parlour setting, rapid penetration of the peel can cause permanent scarring and pigmentation. I see one or two such cases every couple of months," said Davalbhakta.



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Usually, a neighbourhood general practitioner is the first point of reference whenever such problems occur. "We do see such cases where insufficient knowledge has proven dangerous for skin health. Usually, the cases we come across are mostly related to the bleaching agent hydrogen peroxide, the improper use of which can cause skin rash and skin irritation," said Prakash Mahajan, president of the General Practitioners Association, Pune branch.

Pallavi Sule, a member of the Association of Beauty Therapists and Cosmetologists — a pan-India organisation with over 10,000 members, said, "The main rub lies in the fact there is no monitoring body for beauty treatment courses in India. Anybody can do a course from anywhere and get started in the profession. We have been following this up with the Union government and made several representations in the last four years. We want to get a licensing system in place, so that salons follow certain standards all over the country."

Youth held, 2 firearms seized

The Pune crime branch on Saturday arrested a 24-year-old man near Dias Plot slums and seized two firearms worth Rs 40,000 from him. The suspect has been identified as Pradip alias Ganesh Gade of Sasanenagar, Hadapsar.



CRIME

Man commits suicide: A

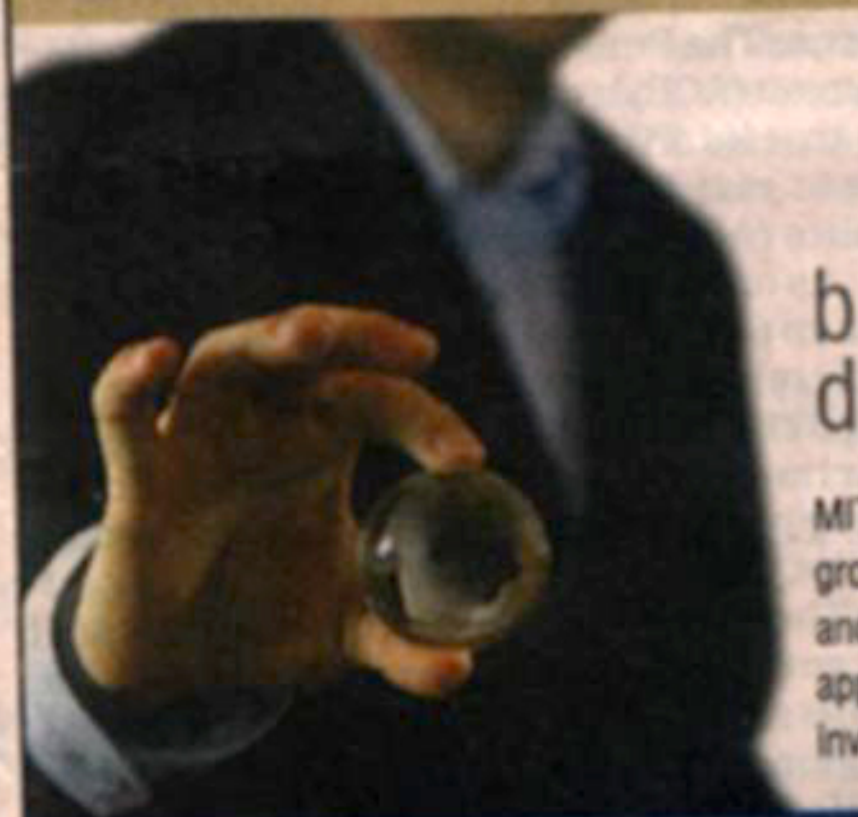
28-year-old man allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling of his house at Gujarnagar in Thergaon. The Hinjewadi police have identified the deceased as Dhanaji Tukaram Abangare hailing from Osmanabad district.

Cop manhandled: The police have arrested Rahul Shantilal Mutha (37) of Bhagyashree society, Mukundnagar, for allegedly manhandling a traffic policeman near Market Yard on Friday. The cops had stopped Mutha for riding a two-wheeler on the BRTS.

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