

DRM conducts surprise inspection of Bhopal station

Bhopal: Divisional Railway Manager Devashish Tripathi conducted a surprise inspection of Bhopal Railway Station on Friday, 7 June 2024. The main objective of this inspection was to take stock of the progress of safety related works.

During the inspection of Bhopal yard, the Divisional Railway Manager took stock of the condition of railway tracks, points & crossings, signaling systems and safety measures for protected and safe train operations. He said that regular checking of track and signaling is necessary to ensure safe and smooth rail travel. After the inspection, the Divisional Railway Manager instructed the concerned officials to do all the work keeping safety in mind. After this, after reaching the coaching depot, he inspected the maintenance work of the coaches inside the depot. He met the railway personnel working

Imposes fine for billing machine found faulty at the stall

in the depot and appreciated the maintenance work being done by them.

During the inspection, the Divisional Railway Manager conducted a thorough inspection of the passenger facilities, catering units, passenger waiting rooms, platforms and circulating areas available at Bhopal Railway Station. He expressed his displeasure over the fact that one stall on the platform had a faulty billing machine and another stall had no billing machine, and ordered a fine to be imposed on the concerned licensee. He said that the Railways is committed to improving passenger facilities and the welfare of the employees.

The Divisional Railway Manager inspected the integrated driver and



guard crew lobby, where he interacted directly with the loco pilot, assistant loco pilot, railway personnel related to train operations, train manager and safety related railway personnel. He thoroughly examined the safety register and yard layouts and held a special discussion on the subject of safety related work system in the lobby and gathered information. He took stock of the facilities available for the employees and inquired about the works related to train operations, safety and security rules.

Moving forward, he inspected the RRI (Route Relay Interlocking), which is a signaling system in the Railways that ensures safe train operations on complex track layouts. While inspecting the RRI, he checked the functionality of signals and points, relay systems, control panels, maintenance records, safety protocols, communication sys-

tems and backup systems to ensure smooth and safe train operations. The objective of this inspection is to maintain operational reliability and ensure adherence to safety standards.

During the inspection, the Divisional Railway Manager was accompanied by Senior Divisional Engineer (Coordination) Rituraj Sharma, Senior Divisional Engineer (Central) Mahendra Singh, Senior Divisional Safety Officer Ravindra Sharma, Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer (Coaching) R.P. Khare, Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (Traction Operations) Sanjay Tiwari, Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer (Signal) Rao Abhishek, Divisional Operations Manager Shashank Gupta, Divisional Engineer (Headquarters) Shyam Nagar and other officers and supervisory staff.

Petition challenging appointment of seven judges dismissed

Bhopal: The Madhya Pradesh High Court has dismissed the petition challenging the appointment of seven judges in the High Court in November 2023. The division bench of Acting Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Amarnath Kesharwani, in its reserved judgment, has expressed by underlining several decisions of the Supreme Court that even though there is no provision for the collegium in the Constitution of India, the collegium system is in practice due to the decision of the Supreme Court. The entire judiciary and legislature of the country are bound to accept it under Article 141 of the Constitution. With the said opinion, the court dismissed the petition filed.

In the petition filed by Jabalpur resident advocates Maruti Sondhia and Uday Sahu, the Supreme Court Collegium was accused of casteism and classism. It was said on behalf of the petitioner that the High Court and the Supreme Court ignore the principle of social justice and proportional representation enshrined in the Constitution and send the names of advocates of the same caste, class and partic-

ular family to be made judges. This is against the provisions and spirit of Articles 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the Constitution. It is essential to have proportional representation of all classes in the judiciary. In this regard, the Karia Munda Committee report clearly explains that by appointing judges from a particular caste in the High Court and Supreme Court, people from the majority community are being deprived of their constitutional rights. It was said on behalf of the petitioners that since independence till date, not a single SC and ST judge has been appointed in the Madhya Pradesh High Court. Not only this, there is not a single representative of the reserved class in the collegium of the MP High Court and the Supreme Court. It was alleged in the petition that the collegium arbitrarily recommends names for judges to oblige its favourites.

In the petition, Cabinet Law Secretary, Union of India, Law Ministry, Supreme Court, MP High Court, Chief Secretary of MP Government, Justice Vinay Saraf, Justice Vivek Jain, Justice Rajendra

Kumar Wani, Justice Pramod Kumar Agarwal, Justice Vinod Kumar Dwivedi, Justice Dev Narayan Mishra and Justice Gajendra Singh were made parties. After hearing the case, the court had reserved its decision. Making it public, the court rejected the petition filed with the said opinion. At the same time, the petitioners say that they will file SLP in the Supreme Court against the said decision of the High Court.

It was said in the petition that his name was recommended for compensation under the Chief Minister Corona Warrior Scheme. The proposal was twice rejected by the Deputy Relief Commissioner of the Revenue Department on the ground that it was not in accordance with Para 3.1 of the rules of the said award. During the hearing, the division bench found that the Deputy Collector and Tehsildar who were on Covid duty along with the Municipal Corporation officer also died due to Corona. Who were duly provided compensation. But the family of the Chief Municipal Corporation Officer was deprived of it.

Victories by lakhs of votes registered for first time

Chronicle Reporter, Bhopal

In the Lok Sabha elections, there were many such candidates in Madhya Pradesh, who contested the Lok Sabha elections for the first time, but their victory margin was in lakhs.

This achievement was in the name of Alok Sharma Bhopal, Ashish Dubey Jabalpur, Lata Wankhede, Darshan Singh Chaudhary. The first name in this series is of Alok Sharma, the Bharatiya Janata Party candidate from Bhopal. Sharma, who lost the election from Bhopal North Assembly seat in the assembly elections held last year, contested the Lok Sabha elections from this traditional seat of the party for the first time and defeated Congress candidate Arun Srivastava by more than five lakh votes. Sharma has also been the mayor of Bhopal, so his victory from this parliamentary seat was almost certain. The party had expressed confidence in Sharma by cutting the ticket of Pragya Singh Thakur, who won from here in the last Lok Sabha elections.

Second in line is BJP candidate



Ashish Dubey from Jabalpur. Dubey was fielded by the BJP for the first time from this strong seat. He has once again put this seat in the BJP's kitty by defeating his opponent Dinesh Yadav of Congress by more than four lakh 86 thousand votes. Senior BJP leader and minister Rakesh Singh was the MP from this seat for a long time. Similarly, BJP candidate from Sagar, Dr. Lata Wankhede, was also nominated by the BJP for the first time this time in the race for MP. In the election results, she defeated her nearest rival Chandrabhusan Singh Bundela of Congress by a margin of almost 4 lakh votes, although Sagar seat has also been considered a traditional seat of BJP

for a long time. In many elections, BJP candidates have been becoming MPs from here.

Party candidate from Hoshangabad, Darshan Singh Chaudhary, also falls in this category. Chaudhary, who has the image of a farmer leader, defeated his nearest rival Sanjay Sharma from this seat by a margin of about four lakh 31 thousand votes. Dr. Rajesh Mishra from Sidhi, Anita Nagarsingh Chauhau from Ratlam/Jhabua seat and Bharti Pardihi from Balaghat were also the candidates contesting elections for the first time on behalf of the party. All three defeated their rivals by a margin of about two and a quarter lakh votes.

Kerala Fest Day 1: UMA Kicks Off 3-Day Extravaganza with Spectacular Inauguration

Bhopal: The United Malayalee Association joyously inaugurated the inaugural Kerala Fest in Bhopal, heralding the commencement of an exuberant three-day celebration of culture at the Bittan Market Ground. Bhopal witnessed an enthusiastic turnout as residents congregated to immerse themselves in the rich cultural tapestry of Kerala. This cultural extravaganza, spanning three days, is organized in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the United Malayalee Association. The entrance to the Kerala Fest depicted heritage Kerala homes, giving a princely look of olden days, with the driveway projecting life and times of Kerala.

The opening ceremony, commencing at 7:15 pm, dazzled the audience with a captivating performance by the Pratibhalaya Arts Academy. The classical dance segment, meticulously choreographed by Dr. Manju and Mr. Vishal Hatvalne, paved the

way for an evening filled with enchanting performances.

Rich cultural heritage of Kerala depicted

Following this mesmerizing performance, attendees were treated to a vibrant showcase of traditional Kerala art forms under the segment titled KALA ROOPANGAL. This segment featured performances that depicted the rich cultural heritage of Kerala, offering a unique opportunity for the people of Bhopal to delve into the traditional arts of another Indian state.

Kalaripayattu demonstration was led by Gurukkal

The evening's main attraction was the electrifying Kalaripayattu demonstration led by the renowned K. F. Thomas Gurukkal. As the Chief Master Trainer and proprietor of Kadathanadan Kalari Sangam, Thomas Gurukkal brought his ex-



tensive expertise and passion to the stage. His journey in Kalaripayattu began under the guidance of M. A. Vijayan Gurukkal, the esteemed founder of Kadathanadan

Kalari Sangam. Over the years, Thomas Gurukkal honed his skills under the tutelage of several esteemed masters, including Sri V. Sreenivasan Gurukkal, Shri V. P. Rakhavan Gurukkal, Shri Manoj Gurukkal, and Shri Sajeewan Gurukkal. His dedication to the art form took him to Kanyakumari and Tamil Nadu, where he trained under the renowned Shri Mani Gurukkal.

Thomas Gurukkal's performance, alongside his team of 13 skilled artists, was a thrilling display of martial prowess.

The team members included K K Sajeew Kumar Gurukkal, M S Ganesh Gurukkal, Vijin T G, Vijin T G, Joby Joseph, Prince Chacko, Pranav K Thomas, Sooraj K S, Abhinav, Adwaid K Thomas, Archa P P, and Teja Lakshmi. Their coordinated movements, agility, and strength left the audience in awe. Highlighting the Folk - Tribal Studies Research Training Center's "Manikyakallu" program, attendees were

treated to mesmerizing displays of traditional art forms from Kerala's districts. Among the highlights were the iconic Theyyam Dance, known for its vibrant costumes and powerful performances, and the graceful Mayoora Nritham (Peacock Dance), which captivated the audience with its elegance and beauty. Reflecting on the event, Mr. OD Joseph, President of the United Malayalee Association, expressed his elation: "We are thrilled to see such an overwhelming response on the first day of Kerala Fest. This event is a celebration of Kerala's rich cultural heritage, and it warms our hearts to witness the people of Bhopal embracing it wholeheartedly. We eagerly anticipate the next two days of festivities." Mr. K P Das, Secretary of the United Malayalee Association, added: "Today's performances have set a high standard for the remainder of the festival."

Scindia's clout will increase, Sandhya's chances are also strong

Harish Dubey, Gwalior

The results have come, Narendra Modi has once again been elected as the leader of the NDA alliance, with this the process of formation of the new cabinet has intensified.

Gwalior Chambal region had a lot of weight in the cabinet of the second term of the Modi government, it is expected in the corridors of politics that this trend can continue in the third term of Modi government as well. In the current government, Guna MP Jyotiraditya Scindia is handling important ministries like civil aviation and steel. It is being said that this weight of Scindia will remain in the new cabinet as well. Apart from him, Sandhya Rai, who became MP from Bhind seat for the second consecutive time, also has the possibility of getting representation in the new cabinet due to women representation.

BJP has once again hoisted the flag of victory on all the four seats of Gwalior Chambal division. Talking about the seniority sequence, Scindia has become one of the senior most MPs of the state by getting elected for the fifth time to the Lok Sabha in this election. Scindia, who entered politics after the death of his father, has a long track record in parliamentary politics as well as in the cabinet. While in Congress, he was a minister in both UPA-One and UPA-Two cen-



tral governments and handled important ministries like Communications, IT, Industry and Commerce. Even after leaving Congress and joining BJP in March 2020, he maintained his importance in central politics. Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave special representation to Gwalior by making him the Civil Aviation Minister in the first expansion of the cabinet in 2021 during his second term because Narendra Singh Tomar from Chambal was already a part of the cabinet. Since there were two big faces from this region in the cabinet in the second term of the Modi government, it is believed that this weightage will remain in the third term as well. Due to the political compulsion to give adequate representation to other alliance partners in the coalition government, there is not much scope for the first time MPs to be made ministers in the new government. On this criterion, Bharat

Singh Kushwaha and Shivmangal Tomar, who were elected MPs for the first time from Gwalior and Morena, do not seem to be getting a chance at the moment. Their hopes may certainly be fulfilled in the expansion that will happen later, but the chances of Sandhya Rai, who won the parliamentary election for the second time in a row from Bhind seat, being included in the Modi cabinet have become strong.

Scindia became the first minister from this region in 84

If we talk about Gwalior Chambal, then in 1984, for the first time in the Rajiv Gandhi government, late Madhavrao Scindia was made the Railway Minister and this region was given representation. After him, Narendra Singh Tomar kept getting a place in the cabinet in both the tenures of the Modi government. However, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who grew up in Gwalior and started his political career from here, was made the Foreign Minister in the Morarji government in 1977, but then he had won the election from the New Delhi seat. Later Atal Ji was PM thrice but all three times his parliamentary constituency was Lucknow. After the defeat in 84, he never contested election from Gwalior. Before this he was elected MP from Gwalior in 71.



India's largest ethane cracker project cum petrochemical complex in Ashta

CM approves project of GAIL (India); investment of Rs 60,000 crore will be made

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav approved the country's largest ethane cracker project to be set up by GAIL (India) Limited in Ashta tehsil of Sehore district. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav expressed hope that this project will provide employment to the local people and promote industrialization of the state. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav directed for early action for allotment of land required for the project.

It is noteworthy that this project, to be built with an investment of about Rs 60 thousand crore in Ashta tehsil of Sehore district, will be the country's largest ethane cracker project. A green field petrochemical complex is also proposed in this project. Under this, petrochemicals like LLDPE, HDPE, MEG and propylene will be produced. This project will provide employment to 15,000 people during the construction period and about 5,600 people during the operation period. A 70 hectare township is also proposed in the project.

The ground breaking ceremony of the project is likely to take place by February next year and commercial production is expected to start in the financial year 2030-31.

Managing Director of Madhya Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation Mr. Chandramouli Shukla and Director of GAIL (India) Limited Mr. R.K. Singhal were present in the meeting held at Madhya Pradesh Bhawan.

Krishna Gaur expresses displeasure over poor quality of construction

Bhopal: Minister of State for Backward Classes and Minority Welfare (Independent Charge) Smt. Krishna Gaur has said that the quality of construction works cannot be compromised. She expressed her displeasure over the poor quality of the road under construction in Sundar Nagar Basti in Piplani area and directed the construction agency to work with quality. Minister of State Smt. Gaur was reviewing the development works of Govindpura area at the residence office on Tuesday.

Minister of State Gaur said that the construction agencies should complete the work within the time



limit. Also, full attention should be paid to quality. During the review, the councillor of Piplani Ward 67 told that the quality of the road under

construction in Sundar Nagar Basti in his area is not good. On this, she directed the construction agency to build the road with quality. In the review meeting, Smt. Gaur reviewed the progress of development works ward-wise. Councillors Mr. Jitendra Shukla, Mr. Raju Rathore, Mrs. Urmila Maurya, Mrs. Chhaya Thakur, Mrs. Siromani Sharma, Mr. V. Shakti Rao, Rajesh Chouksey, Pratap Bare, Vikas Patel, Shivlal Makoria, Surendra Vatika, Neeraj Singh and Mr. Sundar Lal Parmar along with local public representatives were present in the meeting with representatives of construction agencies.