

Madhya Pradesh Deputy LoP Hemant Katare faces FIR

- 7 other family members including wife also booked in this case
- Allegations of corruption ine allotment of ISBT land

Bhopal: The Economic Offenses Wing (EOW) has filed an FIR against Hemant Katare, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Madhya Pradesh Assembly, over alleged irregularities in plot allotment under the ISBT project in Bhopal. The investigation, which had been ongoing for a long time, has implicated Katare, his wife, brother Yogesh Katare, daughter-in-law, and five others.

The FIR also names former Bhopal Development Authority (BDA) CEO K.P. Rahi, OSD Manoj Verma, and representatives of M/s High-Speed Motors, among others. Allegedly, these officials conspired to illegally allocate land to the Katare family in violation of established norms.

The case was initiated following a complaint by C.R. Dutta, a resident of Harshvardhan Nagar, Bhopal. Based on the complaint, the EOW



discovered that BDA officials had granted land to a private company in violation of rules. Consequently, charges under Sections 120B, 420, 468, and 471 of the IPC have been registered against Hemant Katare and his family members.

Further investigation revealed that Hemant Katare and his family members were partners in M/s High-Speed Motors. The officials allegedly misused their positions to favor the company, facilitating land allocation, modifying land usage terms, and arbitrarily determining the land price without a bidding process.

Katare dismisses allegations, calls EOW a political tool

Reacting to the FIR, Hemant Katare dismissed the accusations as baseless, claiming that the state government was using the EOW for political vendetta. In a video statement, he accused Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav of employing the agency to suppress the opposition.

"Similar false cases were filed against me when I was first elected as an MLA, but the courts later dismissed them all. I will challenge this in court and prove my innocence once again," Katare asserted.

Past allegations against Katare

This isn't the first controversy surrounding Katare. Previously, he accused former Home Minister Bhupendra Singh of serious misconduct regarding the appointment of Saurabh Sharma in the RTO department. In response, Bhupendra Singh countered by alleging that Katare had influenced an FSL report in a past sexual misconduct case involving a journalism student.



Cold wave returns to Madhya Pradesh

Temperature to drop by 2-3°C

Bhopal: A fresh cold spell is set to hit Madhya Pradesh today, bringing a 2-3°C drop in temperature. Major cities like Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior, Ujjain, and Jabalpur may see temperatures dip below 10°C.

Current Weather Trends

Nights remain mildly cold, with slight chills in the mornings and evenings. Recent temperatures: Bhopal (15.7°C), Indore (14.4°C), Gwalior (11.3°C), Ujjain (11.5°C), and Jabalpur (13.6°C). Seoni was the warmest at 17°C, while Chhindwara, Narmadapuram, Betul, Khargone, Dhar, and Sagar recorded 15-16°C.

Rising day temperatures

Strong sunshine led to discomfort on Wednesday, pushing daytime highs above 30°C in several cities.

Why is the weather changing?

Meteorologist V.S. Yadav attributes this shift to a western disturbance that arrived on February 8, initially bringing cold northern

winds. These winds have now receded, replaced by warmer southern currents, causing rising temperatures. However, another temperature drop is expected from today.

Jet stream winds have no impact

Last week, cold winds blew at 36-40 km/h but have now subsided, leading to warmer conditions. Despite jet stream winds reaching 231 km/h at 12.6 km altitude, surface temperatures remained unaffected.

Forecast for today

February 13: Slight drop in day and night temperatures.

February climate trends

Over the past decade, February has seen cold nights and warm days, often with sporadic rainfall. This year is expected to follow suit, with cities like Bhopal, Indore, and Ujjain experiencing daytime highs above 30°C and nighttime lows between 10-14°C. Gwalior remains the coldest city, with last year's minimum at 6.1°C.

Books and Toys, Not Guns, in Children's Hands

Red Hand Day: A Call for Peace and Protection for Children

Bhopal: On the occasion of Red Hand Day, children from Dastak Bal Group took a stand against violence and exploitation in Panna, Satna, Rewa, Umaria, Shivpuri, Guna, and Vidisha districts. Through rallies and discussions, they appealed for global attention to child safety.

What is Red Hand Day?

Observed annually on February 12, Red Hand Day raises awareness against the recruitment and abuse of children in armed conflicts. Reports indicate that nearly 250,000 children worldwide are forced into military roles—trained to kill, used as spies, messengers, or porters.



Many endure psychological and physical trauma, and girls often face sexual violence.

A Symbolic Protest for Change

To highlight this issue, members

of Vikas Samvad and youth groups imprinted red hand marks symbolizing blood-stained childhoods. Rallies echoed powerful slogans: - "No guns, only books and toys!" - "Children deserve protection from violence!"

A Growing Threat

Kripal Singh from Guna emphasized how wars destroy schools, playgrounds, and childhoods, while Panna's Ram Vishal warned of violent behaviors influenced by video games and movies.

Social activist Mangesh Soni added that exposure to conflict leaves children insecure and hostile.

Red Hand Day serves as a global wake-up call—a chance to unite for children's rights, demanding a world where every child is safe, educated, and free from violence.

CM remembers Swami Dayanand Saraswati

Bhopal: CM Dr. Mohan Yadav remembered the founder of Arya Samaj, pioneer of Shuddhi Movement and great social reformer Swami Dayanand Saraswati on his birth anniversary. CM Dr. Yadav said that Swami ji sacrificed every moment of his life for human welfare, national service and eradication of evils prevalent in the society. Humanity will always be benefited by the divine light of the powerful thoughts of Swami Dayanand Saraswati ji.

CM greets on Magh Purnima

CM Dr. Mohan Yadav has greeted and extended good wishes to all the devotees on the occasion of Magh Purnima, a festival of religious faith. CM has extended his wishes for happiness, prosperity, and well-being to everyone on this holy festival of donation, religion and bathing. CM Dr. Yadav said that he prays to Lord Vishnu and Maa Ganga for the well-being and welfare in everyone's life.

National Productivity Week begins at BHEL

Bhopal: National Productivity Week, 2025 was inaugurated today at BHEL, Bhopal by Shri S M Ramanathan, Executive Director by administering the Productivity Pledge to all senior officials. Shri P K Upadhyay, General Manager (Operations), all General Managers and DROs were present on the occasion. The theme of National Productivity Week this year was "From Ideas to Impact: Protecting Intellectual Property for Competitive Startups".

In his address, Shri Ramanathan said that all employees should be equally encouraged to increase productivity in the company. Intellectual Property (IP) is very important for the success of a startup in an innovation driven economy. A solid Intellectual Property (IP) strategy protects innovations, increases valuation, strengthens



CM pays tribute to Acharya Shri

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav expressed grief on Acharya Satyendra Kumar Das Maharaj leaving for his heavenly abode, the chief priest of Ram Janmahoomi Temple, Ayodhya Dham, in Ayodhya.

CM said that the demise of Param Ram Bhakt is extremely sad and an irreparable loss for the spiritual world, his auspicious thoughts and devotional personality will continue to inspire the entire Sanatan world to follow the path of religion and human welfare. CM Dr. Yadav has prayed to Baba Mahakal to give a place to the departed soul in his lotus feet and strength to the bereaved disciples and followers to bear this grief.

market position and attracts investments. He said that by optimizing resources in conjunction with startup productivity tools and methodologies, costs can be reduced and growth can be accelerated.

He emphasized that empowering startups with knowledge, tools and resources to innovate, nurture and commercialize their ideas is not only beneficial but also imperative for India to consolidate its position as a global innovation leader. On this occasion, Shri Rajesh Kumar Agarwal, General Manager (SOM) presented the outline of various events organized under National Productivity Week. The program was moderated by Shri J Rajagopal, Additional General Manager (SYX/PYX) and vote of thanks was given by Dr. Bhagwan Singh, Engineer (PYX).

City undergoing massive transformation for GIS

Roads, art, and greenery to welcome guests



Bhopal: With the prestigious Global Investors Summit (GIS) set to take place in Bhopal on February 24-25, the city is undergoing a massive transformation. A 17 km stretch from Raja Bhoj Airport to Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya is being upgraded and beautified to offer a grand welcome to nearly 20,000 guests from India and abroad, including PM Narendra Modi.

Extensive beautification and infrastructure work

Bhopal is being adorned with

over two lakh plants and 5,000 paintings to showcase the state's cultural heritage. The focus of the beautification efforts is on key areas such as the airport, VIP Road, Shyamala Hills, and major connecting roads. The project involves an estimated expenditure of Rs 110 crore, covering road improvements and decorative enhancements along the route. Various agencies are engaged in different works for the beautification. Public Works Department (PWD) is upgrading major roads, including Airport Road, VIP Road,

Smart Road, and key routes across the city. Pothole repairs and resurfacing are underway, with a budget of Rs 65 crore.

Municipal Corporation is engaged in painting, repairs, and landscaping along the airport approach road, Boat Club, Van Vihar, and MANIT to Bhadbhada Road, allocating Rs 40 crore for the restoration of 22 roads.

Smart City Project is enhancing designated Smart Roads with ₹5 crore earmarked for development.

Showcasing Madhya Pradesh's Cultural Heritage

The walls along key roads and rotaries are being transformed into canvases displaying Madhya Pradesh's rich cultural heritage. Artists are creating murals depicting Mahakal, the Bhojpur temple, and traditional Mandana art. The statue of Raja Bhoj, Gauhar Mahal, CM House, Boat Club, and Polytechnic College are also being adorned with artistic representations of the state's history and tribal culture.

Iconic Locations Undergoing Special Makeover

A historic site behind Gauhar Mahal, famous for hosting web series like Gullak and Doctor G, is receiving a facelift worth ₹30 lakh. The makeover includes red stone staircases, decorative lighting, and wall paintings to create a visually appealing backdrop for visitors.

Madhya Pradesh: A land of opportunity for Global Investors

(Contd from Page 1) Among the key attendees were ambassadors, high commissioners, and consular officials, along with prominent industry leaders.

Top Industry Leaders Engage in High-Level Talks

The summit saw one-on-one meetings with over 15 prominent CEOs and industry stalwarts, including: Jagrut Kotecha, CEO, PepsiCo India & South Asia; Punit Dalmia, Chairman, Dalmia Bharat; Madhavkrishna Singhanian, Joint MD & CEO, JK Cement; Vineet Mittal, Chairman, Aavaada Group; Jean-Marc Leclercq, CEO, Soufflet Malt; Rikant Pittie, Founder, EaseMyTrip; Vinay Vyas, CEO, Fusion X Energy; Anil Chalamalasetty, Group CEO & MD, Greenko Group; Vineet Arya, Vice Chairman, JBM Group; Rahul Mittal, Chairman & MD, Ritz Anusuiya Ray, VP, Corporate Affairs, AB InBev India; Global Interest in Madhya Pradesh's Growth Potential. Diplomats from various nations praised Madhya Pradesh's business-friendly policies and expressed keen interest in multiple sectors: **Australia:** Prioritized education, agriculture, and skill development collaborations. **Mexico:** Applauded MP's policies and expressed investment interest in various industries. **Albania:** Focused on urban planning and infrastructure devel-

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Strategic Discussions: Roundtable Meetings with Diplomats & Industry Leaders

Two key interactive roundtable discussions were held during the event:

Telecom & Digital Infrastructure Roundtable:

Engaged top telecom players, including Reliance Jio, Ericsson, and Nokia.

Discussions revolved around the future of telecom in India and investment opportunities in MP's digital infrastructure.

Diplomatic & Investment Strategy Roundtable:

Hosted 51 diplomatic and trade representatives from 40 countries.

Presented GIS-2025's strategic framework, highlighting investment avenues across manufacturing, IT, renewable energy, and tourism.

Developed Nations Join GIS-2025 as Partner Countries

A major highlight of the summit is the participation of leading global economies—United Kingdom, Germany, and Japan—as partner countries. Their involvement underscores MP's growing reputation as a key international trade and investment hub.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav personally invited global investors to explore Madhya Pradesh's limitless potential and be part of GIS-2025.

With a strong emphasis on infrastructure development, industry-friendly policies, and sustainability, Madhya Pradesh is emerging as one of India's most promising investment destinations, ready to shape the future of global trade and commerce.