

Govt committed to transforming lives of deprived classes: CM

▶ Dr. Yadav wishes on Guru Ravidas Jayanti



Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, while extending his heartfelt greetings on the birth anniversary of Sant Shiromani Guru Ravidas, reaffirmed the state government's unwavering commitment to empowering deprived sections of society. Speaking at a special event at Hindi Bhavan on Wednesday, Dr. Yadav emphasized the government's mission to eradicate poverty, create job opportunities for the

youth, uphold women's dignity, and honor farmers. He stressed that every individual, regardless of background, should have access to progress and prosperity. Highlighting various welfare initiatives, the CM credited the vision of Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, who championed education, employment, and equality through the Constitution. He also applauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's in-

spirational journey, noting how perseverance and hard work can break barriers.

The event began with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp and the worship of a girl child—symbolizing the empowerment of women. Dr. Yadav paid floral tributes to Sant Ravidas and released a souvenir along with the Ravidas Chalisa. Organized by Navayuvak Ahirwar Samaj Sudhar Sangh and Chamar Vikas Sangh Bhopal, the gathering saw an enthusiastic response. The CM was honored with a grand garland and a memento, reflecting the community's appreciation.

Prominent leaders, including Bhopal Mayor Malti Rai, MLA Bhagwandas Sabnani, and Municipal Corporation Chairman Kishan Suryavanshi, attended the event.

Ravidas Ji's teachings to be included in schools

CM Yadav announced that Sant Ravidas Ji's profound teachings on equality and social justice would be integrated into the school curriculum. Citing the saint's powerful message—"Jaat-Paat Puchhe Na Koi, Hari Ko Bhaje So Hari Ko Hoi"—he underscored the importance of fostering unity and harmony in society.

Ravidas Jayanti celebrated with tributes and procession

Bhopal: Bhopal witnessed grand celebrations on Wednesday as a large number of people paid tributes to Sant Shiromani Guru Ravidas on his Jayanti. Various programs were organized across the city to remember his contributions toward building a just and equal society.

A special program, organized by Gurunanak Mandal at the Yoga Center in Idgah Hills, saw a unique gesture of respect. MP Alok Sharma washed the feet of 101 senior citizens and honored them with shawls. Speaking on the occasion, Sharma highlighted the teachings of Sant Ravidas, emphasizing his message of equality, love, devotion, and simplicity. He recalled how Guru Ravidas opposed caste-based discrimination and advocated for social harmony. Adding to the celebrations, a grand procession was taken out from Panchsheel Nagar. A large number of devotees participated, chanting hymns and re-



A procession was taken out in the city on Wednesday on Ravidas Jayanti. Photo by Ashraf Ali.

membering the revered saint's teachings. The procession reflected the deep faith and reverence of the people toward Guru Ravidas. The celebrations across Bhopal

marked the significance of Sant Ravidas's vision of a society based on justice, unity, and equality, inspiring generations to follow his path.



Worship in many temples of the city on Sant Ravidas Anniversary

▶ Procession of 90 grooms was taken out in Barkheda

Bhopal: On Ravidas Jayanti, the biggest event was organized in Suma Bakesh area on Wednesday at the ancient Sant Ravidas temple Barkheda BHEL Bhopal. Here, a procession of 90 grooms was taken out together. Along with this, worship was done in many temples in the city. Ravidas Jayanti was celebrated with enthusiasm throughout the city.

Under the Chief Minister Kanyadan Yojana, a mass marriage conference of 10 couples of all communities was organized in BHEL area Barkheda. All the grooms rode in a procession from Vijay Market Radha Krishna Temple and reached the temple in the

form of a procession from Nehru Market Bajrang Market to Ravidas Temple Barkheda with band, camel, horse, Aatiramo Doje, band Chagi etc.

After that all the grooms garlanded the Lord and the auspicious work was completed by scholars in the ritual of Bhanwar Parikrama.

On this occasion, organizing committee president Barelal Ahirwar, Khilan Singh, RD Dilore, Rajesh Mani, Ashok Ahirwar, all Ahirwars, Pooja Chaudhary, Ramcharan etc. were present. State minister Krishna Gaur also attended the program and blessed the bride and groom.

A wonderful confluence of art and craft

▶ A colorful conclusion to artisan awareness week at NIFT

Bhopal: The four-day Artisan Awareness Week at NIFT College with the closing ceremony featuring a grand art and painting competition, with the enthusiastic participation of 70 students from various schools.

The participants, including students from Anant Utsav School, Mandideep, Chavara Vidya Bhavan, Mandideep, Graphite Higher Secondary School, Raisen, Jagran Lake City, Chandanpura, Sagar Public School, Sharda Vidya Mandir, DPS School, and NIFT College, showcased their artistic talents. Providing a platform for young artists to demonstrate their creativity and artistic skills, the competition saw fine arts experts evaluate the paintings.

In the 5-8 age group, Yash Malviya secured the first prize, Vaishnavi Rai won the second prize, and Namami Bhargava bagged the third prize. In the 9-11 age group, Yatharth Jain won the first prize, Akanksha Sooryavanshi won the second prize, and Agraj Jain won the third prize.

In the undergraduate and post-graduate category, Divya Tamrakar (JLU) secured the first prize, Shamimu Athuman (JLU) won the second prize, and SS Abhinav (NIFT) won the third prize. The Joint Director of NIFT Bhopal, Akhil Sahai, distributed certificates and prizes to the winners.

Craft Bazaar showcased exquisite handicrafts

The Craft Bazaar showcased ex-



quisite handicrafts and artworks. The Craft Bazaar displayed the creativity of artisans and students, attracting visitors and art enthusiasts from various backgrounds.

Today was the last day of the Craft Bazaar, where several artists, including Master Artist of Gobard Shilp, Jitendra Kumar Rathore, State Award-winning Master Artist of Bamboo Craft, Dharmendra Rother, Master Artist of Terracotta (Clay Craft), Lakhjan Prajapati, Shri Gopal Dewangan from Kosa Craft Champa, Chhattisgarh, and wood carving artist Aftab Multani, showcased their art.

Artists from Chanderi, Maheshwar, and Banarasi also displayed their skills on this occasion. This wonderful confluence of art and craft mesmerized the audience.

Many students made cups

Premal, a fourth-semester student from the Textile Department, shared her experiences of the Artisan Awareness Week, saying, "Many workshops were organized during the Artisan Awareness Week at our college. Today was the last day of the Craft Bazaar, and on this occasion, the AD Department showcased items made of bamboo, toys, and cow dung. The Textile Department worked on natural dyeing techniques like batik printing, indigo dyeing, and dyeing with pomegranate peel. We also got the opportunity to visit various departments and learn new things. I also did pottery, in which many students made cups, which were very durable. This whole experience was very interesting and informative for us."

GIS: Three thousand soldiers will take charge of security

▶ Surveillance will be done with 10 drones and 100 CCTV cameras

Bhopal: Preparations for the Global Investors Summit (GIS) to be held in the capital are in the final stages. The entire city is being decorated for this. At the same time, strict measures are being taken to ensure the security of the guests coming here. The responsibility of their security will be taken by 3000 soldiers including 50 gazette officers. The entire program will be monitored with 10 drones and 100 CCTV cameras. According to the information, 10 parking lots have been arranged for about 3500 guests participating in the summit. ADG rank officers from the police headquarters will monitor the security. The GIS to be held on 24 February will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. For this, the PM is likely to come to Bhopal by 20 February. Strict arrangements have been made for VIP security in the summit.

MP Nagar: Guests staying in the hotel here will be brought to the event venue via Board Office, Vyampam Square, Link Road Number-1, Apex Bank, Ma-

Parking space	Distance from the event venue	Number of vehicles
VVIP	0 km	700
Regional College	2.5 km	450
Demonstration School	3.1 km	230
Hotel Ashoka	3.7 km	170
DTI Branch	3.9 km	200
Smart City Park	3.2 km	350
Smart City Park	3 km	180
Hostel RHQ	3.2 km	200
MLB College	5 km	240
Sair-Sapata	4.2 km	250

ta Mandir, Tribal Museum. Narmadapuram Road: From here guests will be brought via Ashima Mall, Ganesh Mandir, GG Flyover.

Hotel Palash: Guests will be brought via Rangmahal Square, Depot Square, Scout Guide Tiraha, Tribal Museum.

Pre-Pancha Kalyanak Mahotsav rituals begin

Bhopal: There is an atmosphere of enthusiasm in the society about Bhopal T.T. Nagar Jain Temple Panch Kalyanak. Panch Parmeshthi Vidhan was done with the Abhishek of Lord Mahavir in the Jain temple. Pre-festival rituals began. The main characters of the ritual were also honored in the Jain temple premises. Committee President Amar Jain, spokesperson Sunil Jainavin said that Rishabh Rajeshwari Pragati Parivar became the parents of the Lord.

The ritual of Godh Bharai, which was started with Mangal Geet, was started by the Sodharm Indra Rajesh, Sarika of the ritual. The main characters of the ritual were honored. On the other hand, Additional Superintendent of Police Sandesh Jain received the good



fortune of doing the Aaharcharya of Muni Praman Sagar Maharaj in 1100 Quarter Jain Temple. Retired Director General of Police Pawan Jain and other officials gave food

with Navdha Bhakti. Muni Shri Praman Sagar Maharaj said in his blessing words that happiness is not obtained from wealth, but contentment is the true happiness.

ADGP Sai Manohar stresses need of cyber security

Bhopal: Awareness programs are being run on a large scale across the state to protect against cyber crimes and to make the general public aware. Under this, under the Cyber Security Campaign of Madhya Pradesh Police, the Department of Computer and Application organized a Cyber Safety Fest in the auditorium of BSSS College with the co-operation of Community Police under the leadership of De-



partment Head Dr. Swati Sharma, in which many colleges of the city participated. At the inaugura-

tion of the Cyber Fest, the Principal of the college, Dr. Father John PJ, welcomed everyone and

called this special initiative of Madhya Pradesh Police a special need of today's time. For the safety

and awareness of the general public, he also expressed gratitude for launching Cyber ??First Aid in the college last week under the leadership of DIG Dr. Vineet Kapoor and making BSSS a nodal center. ADGP Cyber, IPS Shri Sai Manohar was specially present as the chief guest in the program. He said that curbing cyber crimes and making the general public aware and protecting them from cyber crimes is his priority.

ED to physically verify seized properties of Ex-RTO constable Saurabh Sharma

Bhopal: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is set to conduct a physical verification of properties seized from former RTO constable Saurabh Sharma and his associates, Sharad Jaiswal and Chetan Singh Gaur. These assets, frozen during the ongoing investigation, are under scrutiny for potential financial irregularities.

Tracking the Origins of Seized Cash and Gold: During the remand period, ED officials will probe the source of ?11 crore in cash and 52 kg of gold recovered from an Innova in Mendori. The confiscated gold, bearing hallmarks from Australia, Switzerland, and Dubai, has raised suspicions of an international smuggling nexus. Initially seized by the Income Tax Department, the gold's procurement and distribution are now key focal points of the investigation.

Raids uncover massive investments: The ED raid-

ed multiple locations linked to Sharma on December 27, 2024, and January 17, 2025, uncovering investments worth ?25 crore in properties under his name and that of his associates. Movable assets worth ?10 crore have also been seized. Officials are compiling detailed records to track Sharma's financial transactions and potential money laundering activities.

Legal Battle Over Custodial Interrogation: Sharma's lawyer, Rakesh Parashar, opposed the ED's request for an extended remand, asserting that his client had been fully cooperative. However, the ED argued that further questioning was necessary to unravel key financial trails and possible links to global smuggling networks.

As the investigation deepens, the ED is determined to uncover the full extent of Sharma's financial dealings and the legitimacy of his assets.