

800 bags of rice meant for poor seized

Warehouse sealed



Indore: In a major crackdown, the Food Department seized 800 bags of rice meant for the Public Distribution System (PDS) early this morning. The rice was allegedly being diverted to a liquor factory in Gujarat. The raid was conducted

at a warehouse located behind Revati Range on Sanwer Road, where authorities also confiscated a large truck loaded with the illegal stock. The district supply officer stated that the warehouse contained a massive quantity of rice

stored unlawfully. The seized truck, bearing registration number MH 20-GC-3192, was caught red-handed, along with driver Karan, a resident of Dhar district. During interrogation, laborers and the driver revealed that the rice belonged to Satish Agarwal and Sanjay Gupta, while the warehouse was owned by Satish Mittal. The confiscated truck is now in police custody, and the rice has been shifted to a government warehouse in Rau.

A repeat offender

Authorities confirmed that Satish Agarwal is a habitual offender, previously booked under the Black Market Act with three FIRs registered against him. Investigations are ongoing to identify others involved in the illicit purchase, sale, and storage of PDS rice.

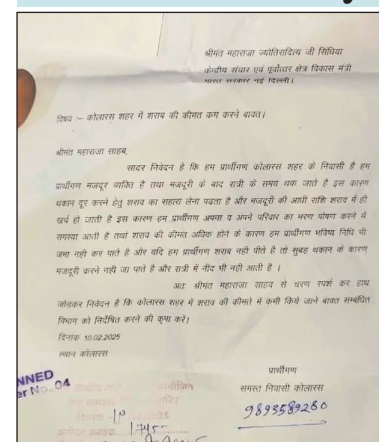
A well planned racket

Sources revealed that Agarwal and his associates frequently changed warehouses every 15-20 days to evade detection. They purchased rice at low prices from street vendors and local consumers who received it for free under the PDS scheme, then sold it illegally at higher rates.

The Food Department has sealed the warehouse, ensuring a stricter crackdown on such activities in the future.

Free booze? Nah, make it cheaper

Pleads Madhya Pradesh laborer



Shivpuri: Madhya Pradesh, a state already famous for its quirky stories, has just added another gem to its collection. While the rest of the country is busy campaigning for prohibition, a laborer in the Shivpuri district has come up with a demand that's sure to raise a few eyebrows.

During a public hearing held by Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, our man of the hour submitted a rather unique request: instead of free liquor, could the minister please make it more affordable? Yes, you read that right!

The laborer, identified as Nanne Yadav from Kolaras, argued that after a hard day's work, a little tittle is much needed.

However, the current prices are burning a hole in his pocket. "Maharaj," his petition (now viral on social media) read, "please reduce the price of liquor and give some relief to us laborers."

This incident has once again highlighted the 'ajab-gajab' (strange and wonderful) nature of Madhya Pradesh. While we're not sure if Scindia will grant this unusual request, it's certainly a refreshing change from the usual demands for prohibition.

Tragic road accidents claim 5 lives in Satna-Maihar

Satna: In a series of unfortunate road accidents in Satna and Maihar districts, five lives were lost and several others were seriously injured. The incidents occurred amidst the heavy traffic flow due to the ongoing Mahakumbh festival in Prayagraj.

The first accident took place on National Highway 30 when a car carrying seven people returning from the Mahakumbh pilgrimage overturned due to the driver falling asleep at the wheel. Two people, including a lawyer and an RSS official, were killed, while five others sustained injuries.

In another tragic incident in Maihar district, a speeding truck collided with a motorcycle, resulting in the death of a couple and severe injuries to their daughter. The family was returning from a relative's house when the accident occurred.

In the third accident, a 55-year-old man was fatally hit by an unidentified speeding bike while returning home after dropping off his daughter. He was rushed to the hospital but succumbed to



his injuries on the way. The police have registered cases in all three incidents and are investigating the matter. The increasing number of road accidents due to heavy traffic during the Mahakumbh is a cause for concern and calls for stricter traffic regulations and increased road safety awareness.

Forests cut down and converted into fields

Sohagpur: Illegal encroachers have wreaked havoc on the dense forests of Satpura. In the last four to five years, they have cut down dense forests on more than a thousand acres of land and converted them into fields.

This cutting and occupation is continuing unabated. The forest department staff washes its hands off such horrific cutting by saying that it is on revenue land, while the revenue staff has nothing to do with this cutting. This illegal cutting and encroachment is shrinking the forests of the area day and night. The surprising aspect is that most of the forests that are being cut down belong to the revenue department.

Who is giving the information to these encroachers that the land belongs to the revenue department is a subject of research for the revenue department. Because these people of Chhindwara and Sehore districts are settling down by cutting those forests where there are large revenue plots.

While people from Sehore district have done felling around Rainipaani and Magaria, people from Chhindwara district are busy clearing the forests of Bichhua, Dundadeh and Singwada. Apart from these, after the displacement of displaced villages Sonpur, Pattan and Kukra, forests adjacent to these vil-

lages have also been cut on a large scale. The encroachers have all the information about the plots of land they are cutting down. When asked, the people found cutting down between Dundadeh and Bichhua villages said that this is Khasra number 153, it is revenue land and we are cleaning it and twenty-five people will occupy it. Another person said that we have cut Khasra number 163 and 164 between Indadeh and Singwada. There also about twenty-five people have started farming.

Some of our friends are cutting down the forest between Magaria and Rainipaani and have built huts there. They will start farming after clearing the forest.

Vidisha's Gaushalas moving towards self-reliance

Vidisha: Collector Roshan Kumar Singh is taking special initiatives to make all the Gaushalas of the district self-reliant. Taking the task of removing encroachment on grazing land as top priority, he is tying up with the concerned Gaushala on the land freed from encroachment and grass seeds are also being provided to the Gaushalas for the work of Gaushala development on the freed land, especially for fodder production.



Collector Roshan Kumar Singh had recently inspected the Gaushala of Gram Panchayat Koluadhamanod of Gyaraspur development block and had given instructions to ensure special initiatives to make the Gaushala self-reliant. Giving information about the actions taken in compliance with the Collector's instructions, the CEO of Gyaraspur District Panchayat, Mr. Jitendra

Kumar Jain said that a Gaukshath plant has been prepared from the cow dung of the cowshed, while the vermicompost plant is already functional; in future, women members of the group associated with the cowshed are being trained to make various art works from cow dung so that this cowshed of Gram Panchayat Koluadhamanod becomes a leader in the sense of self-reliance in the district.

Cabinet Minister and Collector reach Anganwadi Centre

Interact with mother of malnourished children and Moti Aai

Jhabua: Cabinet Minister Women and Child Development Department Nirmala Bhuria and Collector Neha Meena visited Anganwadi Centre located at Tadvi Falia in Kalyanpura. Information was given at Anganwadi Centre that earlier there were 4 severely malnourished children here, under Malnutrition Free Campaign one child has reached normal category and one MAM category and 2 children are in SAM category, whom Moti Aai Kanta Haris Chaudhary and Kamala Khaped are continuously trying to free from malnutrition by giving THR Laddu and massage.

The Cabinet Minister interacted with the mother of the malnourished child and Moti Aai and asked them to take care of the child and feed him nutritious food, THR laddu and jaggery gram. The Collec-



tor directed to get the children's health tested by a pediatrician. The Cabinet Minister fed laddus made of THR to the malnourished children and honoured them by garlanding Moti Aai.

Starting the installation of Moti Aai posters at all Anganwadi centres, the Cabinet Minister and the Collector installed

Moti Aai posters at the centre, which will display the name of the centre and the name of Moti Aai. Through the Montessori kit given to the Anganwadi, the Cabinet Minister and the Collector played various informative games with the children and the children were taught through games.

Recognition of 26 private schools suspended

Bhind: Collector Sanjeev Srivastava has suspended the recognition of 26 non-government schools of the district for not starting the work of Aapar ID. Collector Srivastava has issued an order and said that under the scheme of the Government of India, the work of making Aapar ID of students from nursery to class 12th is being done in the state, for which instructions were given several times through meetings and WhatsApp and a show cause notice was also issued by official letter dated 30 January 2025 for not starting the work of making Aapar ID of the students studying in their school by 29 January 2025, the reply of which is not received till date. The recognition of 126 non-government schools of the district has been suspended for not starting the work of making Aapar ID till date. He has directed the operators of the schools that they should start the work of making Aapar ID of the students studying.

Training and exhibition organized at Kadaknath Poultry Farming Project



Jhabua: Under the Veterinary and Animal Welfare Awareness Month, a training and seminar was organized on 11 February 2025 at the Government Kadaknath Poultry

Farming Project under the guidance of Deputy Director Dr. Wilson Dabur. The program was presided over by Municipal Council President Jhabua Mrs. Kavita Singar

and public representative Bittu Singar was present.

Mrs. Singar told the poultry farmers about increasing income by rearing more and more Kadaknath and told the livestock farmers to take maximum benefit of the departmental schemes. He also visited the exhibition.

Assistant Director of Kadaknath Project Dr. Amar Singh Diwakar told about the medicinal properties and characteristics of Kadaknath and inspired people to rear more and more Kadaknath.

Dr. SK Singh informed the livestock farmers about the diseases occurring in chickens and their prevention.

Collector gives instructions regarding class 5 and 8 board exams

Panna: Collector Suresh Kumar has given necessary instructions regarding the smooth conduct of examinations and other necessary arrangements in view of the board examinations of class 5th and 8th in the meeting of the District Examination Committee held in the Collector's chamber on Tuesday. The members present in the examination committee meeting were entrusted with the responsibility for the arrangements to be made in various stages during the examination period as per the instructions of the State Education Center and the DPC was authorized to get all the work related to the conduct of the examination executed by the re-



sponsible officers and employees within the time limit. During this, the committee approved the work of student registration and verification for the examinations, determination of examination center and center head and assistant center head and school mapping. It was informed in

the meeting that the determination of evaluation center and evaluation center head will be done from 26 February to 3 March with the approval of the District Education Officer. Also, supervisors will be arranged by the development block resource coordinator.

Mayor of Nepal inquires about cleanliness work of the city

Courtesy visit to Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargava



Indore: Mayor of Barakshetra Municipality Ramesh Karki Nepali from Nepal made a courtesy visit to Mayor

Pushyamitra Bhargava at the Corporation Headquarters on Wednesday.

During the meeting, Mayor Bhargava gave detailed information about various development works being done in the corporation as well as cleanliness, revenue, water distribution, digitalization of corporation works, energy saving etc. Mayor of Nepal Ramesh Karki inquired about other works of the corporation along with city cleanliness and other works of the city.

Collector interacts with students at PM Kendriya Vidyalaya

Told the importance of time management and discipline

Raisen: Collector and Chairman of PM Kendriya Vidyalaya Management Committee, Arun Vishwakarma interacted with the students of PM Kendriya Vidyalaya in Raisen regarding the examination.

Collector Vishwakarma interacted with the students of class 10th and class 12th and told the importance of time management and discipline in academic activities and said that regular practice helps in better time management during the examination. Giving his example to the students, he told that if the goal is set and hard work is done with full dedication and



hard work to achieve it, then any student can achieve success. Students should study without stress. To stay away from stress, one should also focus on any other

hobby apart from studies. After meeting Collector Vishwakarma, all the students were filled with enthusiasm for the upcoming examination.

Collector declares water of Bigrod Dam of Tarana as conserved

Ujjain: Ujjain Collector and District Magistrate Neeraj Kumar Singh has declared the water of Bigrod Dam located on the small Kalisindh river of Tarana city as conserved with a view to providing water to the general public for domestic purposes as per the provisions available in Section 03 of the Drinking Water Protection Act 1986 and has allowed the adjoining villages to use it only for drinking water and under the provisions available in Section 04 of the Madhya Pradesh Drinking Water Protection Act 1986, the water of the said dam has been prohibited for any other purpose and irrigation and industrial purpose. The Collector has issued orders that the Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue) Tarana, Sub-Divisional Officer (Police) Tarana and Chief Municipal Officer Tarana will ensure that the water is used only for domestic purposes.