

# Focus on widespread publicity of government schemes

► Divisional review meeting of Public Relations Department held

**Bhopal:** Public Relations Officers have been urged to give prominent coverage to government schemes, policies, and achievements through print, electronic, digital, and social media platforms. Additionally, they should serve as a vital link between the public and the administration by reporting citizen concerns and assisting in their prompt resolution.

Joint Director of Public Relations, Pankaj Mittal, issued these directives during the divisional review meeting of the Bhopal Division, held on Friday at the Divisional Public Relations Office in Bhopal. Present at the meeting were Sehore Deputy Director Devendra Ogare, Bhopal Deputy Director Arun Sharma, Rajgarh Assistant Director Surendra Tiwari, and Vidisha Assistant Public Relations Officer B.D. Aharwal, among others. Mr. Mittal emphasized the importance of strengthening media coordination and actively involv-



ing the media in promotional efforts. He specifically highlighted the need for focused publicity on flagship government campaigns, such as the ongoing ‘Jal Ganga Sanvardhan Abhiyan’ for water conservation and enhancement.

He instructed officers to ensure comprehensive news coverage during visits by the Chief Minister

and other dignitaries to various districts. Officers were also encouraged to engage with beneficiaries of government schemes to document and share their success stories. Furthermore, special feature articles based on government programs and initiatives should be regularly released to build public awareness and trust.

# MP on high alert after Pahalgam terror attack

- Intelligence agencies closely monitoring suspicious activities
- MP considered a safe haven for sleeper cells

**Bhopal:** In the wake of the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh is on high alert. Intelligence agencies have ramped up surveillance following key inputs, monitoring every suspicious activity across the state. Although no major terrorist incidents have occurred in the region, several terrorist networks have been uncovered in recent years, leading to the establishment of the NIA office in Bhopal.

**Tight security at Railway Stations:** Following the Pahalgam attack, the state's police and investigative agencies have become more vigilant. Security has been heightened at public places, including railway stations and trains. In response to intelligence inputs, the state has intensified its counter-terror mea-

sures. Rahul Lodha, the SP for Railways, stated that strict surveillance is being maintained at all stations to ensure safety.

## Comprehensive security checks

Additional forces have been deployed at stations and their surroundings. Dog squads are conducting checks, while track monitoring ensures smooth rail operations. CCTV cameras are also being used extensively to monitor suspicious activities, with thorough checks of both luggage and individuals.

**MP's terror track record:** Over the past three years, Madhya Pradesh's security agencies have arrested terrorists from groups such as JMB, HUJI, IM, and PFI, with links to Pakistan and Bangladesh. These organizations aimed to radicalize youth. Earlier, agencies had uncovered the activities of outfits like SUF, SIMI, and ISIS. In 2015, the NIA detained six members of SUF in Ratlam, highlighting the ongoing threat of terrorism in the region.

# Hamidia Hospital installing CT scan and MRI Machines

**Bhopal:** In compliance with the National Medical Council (NMC) regulations, medical colleges are required to manage and operate CT scan and MRI services. In line with this, Hamidia Hospital, affiliated with Gandhi Medical College, is set to take charge of operating both services. The installation of a 6-crore CT scan machine has already begun in Block 1 of Hamidia Hospital, and it is expected to be fully operational within seven days. Both CT and MR services will be available at the new location by April.

**Patients Will Save Time and Effort** The new machines are being installed on the ground floor, offering improved accessibility. Currently, the CT and MRI services are being operated under a private partnership model in the old building. As a result, patients have to walk 700 meters under the scorching sun or be transported by stretcher or wheelchair. Once the new machines are up and running, this inconvenience will be significantly reduced. Additionally, the 12-crore MRI machine is still awaited, and its installation will further enhance the hospital's diagnostic capabilities, ensuring a smoother experience for patients.

# Bike rider falls after hitting divider

► Crushed by another vehicle

**Bhopal:** In Misrod area, a bike rider collided with a divider. As soon as he fell on the road, a heavy vehicle crushed him. The youth died on the spot in the accident. The accused driver fled from the spot. Police has sent the body for postmortem. The accident happened late on Thursday night.

According to the information, Avinash Thakur (36), a resident of Obedullaganj, used to run a fabrication shop on 80 Feet Road Ashoka Garden. On Thursday night at around eight o'clock, he closed the shop and left for home on his bike. Avinash reached near Eleven Mile on Hoshangabad Road, when suddenly his bike went out of control, due to which he fell on the road along with the bike after hitting the divider. As soon as Avinash fell on the road, an unknown high-speed ve-

hicle coming from behind crushed him. The wheel of the car passed through his head, due to which he died on the spot.

## Youth injured in the accident died

Meanwhile, according to Chunabhatti police, Ashish Das, son of Sanjay Kumar Das (34), was a resident of Seoni Malwa district Hoshangabad. Ashish's elder brother Ajay Kumar Das lives in Saumya Park Land Colony in Awadhपुरी and does a private job. On Wednesday morning, Ashish Das left on his bike to go to his brother in Bhopal. At around 9:30 in the morning, Ashish was going towards Chunabhatti from Kaliyasot Dam Road. He was hit by an unknown vehicle near Bansal Hospital, due to which he was seriously injured. Passersby admitted him to Bansal Hospital for treatment. Ashish Das died during treatment on Friday.

# AIIMS Bhopal partners with ECHO India

► To strengthen capacity building for healthcare professionals

**Bhopal:** A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between AIIMS Bhopal and ECHO India. ECHO India is a leading non-profit organization working to bring about change in the fields of healthcare, education, and livelihood through capacity development and participatory learning models. ECHO India is actively working in Madhya Pradesh, where it collaborates with the National Health Mission (NHM) to implement a nationwide capacity-building program focused on

the prevention and control of Beta Thalassemia and other hemoglobinopathies. This program provides specialized medical education to promote effective prevention, identification, and treatment of these blood disorders. The MoU was signed by the Dean (Research) on behalf of AIIMS Bhopal and Dr. Sandeep Bhalla, Vice President (Projects) on behalf of ECHO India. Under this collaboration, expert-led training sessions, knowledge exchange meetings, and virtual learning

programs will be organized, aimed at empowering the continuous professional development of the institute's faculty members, residents, and healthcare providers. On this occasion, AIIMS Bhopal ED Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh emphasized the long-term significance of the agreement, saying, ‘‘This partnership with ECHO India aligns with our mission, which is not only to achieve excellence in patient care but also to promote academic development and research.’’

# 2-Day Global Seminar on Management Practices begins at BSSS IAS

**Bhopal:** BSSS Institute of Advanced Studies (BSSS IAS) commenced its two-day International Conference on ‘‘Transformational Management Practices for Global Resilience’’ today, drawing a diverse assembly of academics, researchers, and professionals both in person and online. The event boasts participation from 15 Indian states and delegates from five countries, underscoring its global significance.

Prof. Dr Toma Grušovnik from the University of Primorska, Slovenia, delivered the keynote, emphasizing the crucial role of sustainable efforts in fostering resilience. Brigadier Rajneesh Singh Gaur, the Chief Guest, lauded the timely theme and encouraged a forward-

► 5 countries and 15 states are participating



looking perspective rooted in heritage. Ms Egorova Svetlana from

Synergy University, Moscow, graced the occasion as the Guest of

Honour. The inaugural session buzzed with intellectual exchange, as paper presenters and academic delegates engaged in discussions highlighting the urgent need for adaptive and innovative management strategies in today's dynamic global landscape. Rev. Dr John P. J., Executive Director of BSSS IAS, welcomed the attendees, while Conference Convener Prof. Dr Amit Kumar Nag underscored the theme's critical relevance.

The conference continues tomorrow with parallel sessions exploring pivotal areas such as digital transformation, sustainable development, financial innovation, and workforce upskilling, promising further enriching dialogues and insights.

# Padmashri HC Verma inaugurates Anveshika Lab at SPS

**Bhopal:** To foster curiosity, creativity, and imagination in young minds, the 32nd Anveshika Lab was inaugurated at Sagar Public School, Rohit Nagar. Padmashri Awardee Dr. H.C Verma inaugurated the lab as an experimental Physicist and national coordinator for Anveshika networks of India. Labs are the incubators of scientific temperament where hands-on experience is gained through experiments, the students' curiosity is stimulated, and critical thinking is enhanced. The grand opening of lab began in the presence of Dean SPS Dr Madhubala Chauhan & S. S. Shrivastava, Director Human Resources K. K. Dubey and School

Principal, Shradha Kanungo. The program started with a spectacular showcase of musical performance encapsulating the essence of spiritualism. 500 Sagarites of Sagar Public School branches showcased their talent by showcasing 31 models fostering innovations and creativity. It was their hard work and enthusiasm for science that Prof. Verma looked at each model prepared by Sagarites and listened patiently to their explanations. A special teachers' training session was also conducted by Prof. Verma in which over 100 teachers from schools received inputs from the professor on making physics an easy subject for students.

# Manthan 2025 ignites with vibrant ‘‘Echoes of India’’



**Bhopal:** Bhopal's Prestige Institute of Management erupted in a kaleidoscope of talent as its premier cultural fest, Manthan 2025, commenced. The opening day pulsed with electrifying energy, showcasing captivating dance performances, soul-stirring musical acts,

and a dazzling fashion show, ‘Paridhaan’, that seamlessly blended Indian and Western aesthetics. Dynamic management competitions further fueled the vibrant atmosphere.

Chief Guest RJ Piyusha Bhargav of 93.5 Red FM inspired the students to embrace creativity and confidence. Dr. S. S. Bhakar, the institute's Group Director, hailed Manthan as a crucible for leadership, innovation, and social harmony. Dr. Prayatan Jain, Head of Manthan 2025, unveiled this year's resonant theme, ‘‘Echoes of India: Celebrating Unity in Diversity,’’ a tribute to the nation's rich cultural tapestry.

The three-day extravaganza promises a diverse spectrum of competitions, from the melodic ‘Alaap’ to the strategic ‘Dalal Street’ and the artistic ‘Kalakrati’. With events spanning singing, stock trading, branding, talent showcases, dance, debates, and even culinary and gaming challenges, Manthan 2025 is more than entertainment—it's a powerful celebration of youthful exuberance, creative brilliance, and a deep-rooted cultural consciousness, as affirmed by Dr. Davish Jain, Chairman, Prestige Education Foundation.

# Chanderi festival showcases stunning Saree collections

- Festival to run until April 28
- Celebrating artistry and craftsmanship

**Bhopal:** The Chanderi Festival is currently underway at the Mrignayni Emporium in the GTB Complex, New Market. The festival features a stunning display of Chanderi sarees, crafted by skilled artisans. The event highlights exquisite collections, including designer sarees created by Chanderi artisans Mohammad Shagari, Mohammad Asad Khan, Mohammad Anas, and Muzaffar Khan.

Arvind Sharma, the manager of the emporium, explained that Chanderi sarees are traditionally woven from a blend of cotton and silk, with delicate zari work that sets them apart from other sarees. The festival will continue until April 28, providing a unique opportunity for visitors to appreciate this timeless craft.

Sharma emphasized that handicrafts are not just a means of livelihood but a form of artistic expression by artisans and craftsmen. In India, handicrafts are considered more than just an industry; they reflect the



aesthetic sensibilities of the creators. Handicrafts not only fulfill the functional needs of the people but also cater to their artistic desires. According to Sharma, the handicraft sector plays a vital role in the country's economy, providing employment to a significant portion of the rural and semi-urban population. It also contributes to preserving the nation's cultural heritage.

# Lokmanya Tilak Terminus–Saharsa Amrit Bharat Weekly Express via Itarsi Station

**Bhopal:** In a bid to offer modern, affordable, and comfortable travel options, Indian Railways has launched the Amrit Bharat train service. As part of this initiative, the 11015/11016 Lokmanya Tilak Terminus–Saharsa–Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Amrit Bharat Weekly Express will pass through Itarsi station in the Bhopal Division, making it more accessible for travelers.

● Train No. 11015 Lokmanya Tilak Terminus – Saharsa Amrit Bharat Express

Starting from May 2, 2025, this train will depart every Friday at 12:00 PM from Lokmanya Tilak Terminus. It will make stops at various stations along the way and

reach Itarsi at 11:45 PM the same day. After additional halts, it will arrive at Saharsa at 2:00 AM on the third day.

● Train No. 11016 Saharsa – Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Amrit Bharat Express

Starting from May 4, 2025, this train will depart every Sunday from Saharsa at 4:20 AM. It will stop at several stations, reaching Itarsi at 3:50 AM the next day. The train will reach Lokmanya Tilak Terminus at 3:45 PM on the third day.

**Train Stops:** The train will halt at stations such as Lokmanya Tilak, Thane, Kalyan, Nasik Road, Jalgaon, Bhusaval, Itarsi, Jabalpur, Prayagraj Chivki, Mirzapur, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur, and more.

# Fire engulfs WALMI Hills near Kaliasot Dam, trees destroyed

► Affected area is a tiger movement and biodiversity heritage site

**Bhopal:** A fire broke out on the WALMI hill near Kaliasot Dam in Bhopal at around 6 pm on Thursday evening. The fire engulfed the hill in no time. The flames reached the government residences located in WALMI. Due to this 8 houses had to be evacuated.

The flames were controlled late at night. Smoke was coming out from 6 to 7 places at around 10 am on Friday. As a precaution, the fire brigade and forest department team are on the spot. Officials say that there is no danger of fire at the moment. After the fire, MLA Rameshwar Sharma, Collector Kaushalendra Vikram Singh, DFO Lokpriya Bharti, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Harendra Narayan, SDM Ravishankar Rai also reached the spot.



Passers-by saw the smoke rising. Seeing the flames and smoke rising on the hill, passers-by informed the fire control room. After this, fire engines reached the spot and started controlling the fire. Due to trees, bushes and uneven

road, the fire was not controlled quickly. There are also reports of some employees getting minor burns while extinguishing the fire.

**Fire brought under control: DFO** DFO Bharti himself went into the forest with the staff to extin-

guish the fire. He said that the fire has been brought under control. Forest department ranger Shivpal Piparde said, by 12 o'clock at night, the fire has been brought under control to a large extent. We are constantly monitoring it.

## Biodiversity heritage site

Notably, this affected forest area had recently received government designation as a biodiversity heritage site. It spans about 100 hectares across Chandanpura and Damkheda villages near Kaliasot Dam, as biodiversity heritage site. These hills, currently within the WALMI campus premises, became the epicentre of this fire incident.

Bagh Mitra Rashid Noor said the place where the fire broke out, there is also movement of tigers. Tiger movement has also been seen many times on the banks of the Kaliasot River.