Cong holds demo against Turkish Company's contract for Bhopal Metro

Company is installing automatic fare collection system

Bhopal: In Bhopal, the Turkish company 'Asis Guard' has secured the contract for the installation of an automatic fare collection system at metro stations along the Bhopal-Indore Metro line. Urban Administration Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya and Bhopal MP Alok Sharma have issued statements regarding this development.

On Wednesday, members of the Congress party, led by former minister PC Sharma, protested outside the Metro office, raising slogans such as "Down with Pakistan." Sharma expressed concerns that Turkey's support for Pakistan poses a risk to the country, suggesting that the Turkish company could potentially compromise national security through its software. He demanded the cancellation of the tender within seven days.

Memo submitted to Metro Project GM: Congress leader JP Dhanopia echoed these sentiments, stating that the Metro Corporation should remove Turkish products within



the specified timeframe, or face a significant demonstration at the Metro office. A memorandum was submitted to Metro Project GM Ajay Gupta, with Congress leaders Yogendra Singh Guddu Chauhan, Praveen Saxena, and Rahul Singh

Rathore also in attendance.

The MP Metro Corporation had called for international tenders in 2024 for the automatic fare collection system, with three companies submitting bids. Asis Elektronik Blissim Systemleri from Turkey ofplace bid of Rs 204.57 crore from NEC Corporation India Private Limited, leading to the Turkish company being awarded the con-

Probe will be conducted: Vijayvargiya

Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya has said that an investigation into the matter will be conducted. Following the contract award, Asis Guard has commenced installation work at several stations in Bhopal, including Subhash Nagar, Kendriya Vidyalaya, DB Mall, MP Nagar, and Rani Kamlapati, with ongoing work at DRM Tiraha, Alkapuri, and AIIMS.

In Indore, the automatic fare collection system has also been installed from Gandhinagar to Super Corridor-3. The company is responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the fare collection system across a total of 53 stations in the first phase of the Bhopal and Indore Metro project.

Rear wheels of college bus come out, many students injured



Bhopal: Both rear wheels of a bus full of students suddenly detached on Raisen Road in Bhopal, resulting in a loss of balance and serious injuries to several students from Sam Global University. The bus involved in the incident has a Maharashtra registration (MH34AB8055). The accident occurred on Wednesday afternoon around 12:30 PM when 16 students from the Ayurvedic Department were traveling to college. Five injured students were

promptly admitted to a multi-specialty hospital in Ayodhya Nagar.
Eyewitnesses reported that the bus vibrated rapidly before the tires separated with a loud noise, causing many students to jump

from their seats and fall.

NSUI slams govt

In response to the incident, the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) criticized the government and local administration for negligence, highlighting that buses are operating without proper fitness certifications. State Vice President Ravi Parmar noted that another bus accident had recently oc curred in Bhopal, yet school and college buses continue to be allowed on the roads without fitness checks. The NSUI has called for an FIR to be filed regarding this matter and warned that they would or ganize protests if concrete actions

Former BJP MLA's ATM card cloned

Rs 6.83 lakh withdrawn



Bhopal: A case has emerged involving the cloning of the ATM card belong-ing to former BJP MLA Ramkishan Chauhan, who re-

sides in Arera Colony, Bhopal. An amount of Rs 6.83 lakh was withdrawn from his account, prompting the Cyber Crime Branch in Bhopal to register a case following a complaint from Chauhan. An investigation is currently underway. According to police reports, Ramkishan Chauhan, who has served as an MLA

for the Bhojpur assembly seat, holds an account with Punjab National Bank. On May 5, he received a notification regarding a transaction of Rs 92 from his bank account. Concerned, he visited the bank to review his account details, only to discover that Rs 6,83,000 had been withdrawn through 54 transactions between February 2 and May 1. Subsequently, he filed a written complaint. Investigations revealed that the former MLA had used an ATM in Arera Colony in February, during which it is believed that his card was cloned, facilitating the fraudulent withdrawals. The police are currently reviewing CCTV footage from the ATM booth to identify the perpeBHEL Bhopal celebrates growth and vision in Stakeholder Interaction Program

Bhopal: A vibrant stakeholder in teraction program was held at Devi Ahilyabai Hall, BHEL Bhopal, bringing together media professionals and key stakeholders to celebrate the unit's impressive performance in the financial year 2024-25. The event was graced by P.K. Upadhyay, Unit Head, BHEL Bhopal; Gautam Majumdar, General Manager (CMG, PMG, CC & DTG) & Additional Charge (HR); R.K. Agarwal, General Manager (SOM); and Vinodanand Jha, Additional General Manager (Publicity & PR). Upadhyay shared that BHEL Bhopal achieved a turnover of Rs 4,278 crore and a profit before tax of Rs 272 crore, attributing the suc-



cess to the tireless efforts of the employees and the dynamic lead-ership of former Executive Director S.M. Ramanathan. He emphasized that media and societal sup-

port played a crucial role in reaching this milestone. He also high-lighted the corporation's overall performance – with BHEL achiev-ing Rs 28,339 crore in revenue and Rs 725 crore in profit before tax under the leadership of CMD K. Sadashiv Murthy. Looking ahead Upadhyay set a target of Rs 4,400 crore for FY 2025–26, expressing full confidence in the team's ability

He stressed the importance of reducing rework, boosting cash flow, and enhancing per-employee value addition, while reaffirming BHEL's commitment to social responsibility. Majumdar, Agarwal and Jha also shared their insights with a presentation on key achievements and future strategies. The event concluded with a warm welcome by Sanjay Rajban-shi, Deputy Manager (PR).

NITTTR will conduct training and research in pharmacy

Bhopal: NITTTR, Bhopal signed an important MoU with National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, (NIPER) Ahmedabad, the main objective of which is to promote academic and research collaboration. This strategic partnership aims to promote excellence not only in technical and pharmaceutical education but also in advancing interdisciplinary research across various domains. Under the framework of this MoU, both institutions will jointly organize workshops, seminars, faculty development programs, and research-based activities, along with offering internship opportunities for researchers. On this occasion, Director of NITTTR Bhopal, Prof. C. C. Tripathi said that the pharmaceutical sector today is demanding cutting-edge technologies such as automation, data analytics, and AI based research etc. NITTTR Bhopal, through this partnership, will infuse technology and transferable skills in the scientific research of NIPER, which will further



strengthen the innovation capacity of the pharma sector. Director of NITTIR Ahmedabad, Prof. Shailendra Saraf, Director of NIPER Ahmedabad, remarked that in the face of a rapidly evolving global landscape, higher education institutions must move beyond conventional boundaries Municipal Dumper crushes motorcyclist Sole breadwinner killed in hit-and-run



ver. Vishwakarma, a driver by protession, was on his way to work as usual when, near a petrol pump, a speeding tipper coming from the opposite direction collided violently with his bike. The impact was so

ground, and the truck's wheel rolled over him. Eyewitnesses rushed to help, but the driver had already escaped. Police arrived shortly after securing the scene and sending Vishwakarma's body for post-mortem. His death has plunged his family into profound grief and a se vere financial crisis. As the only brother to three sisters and the sole earner, his loss leaves his elderly father, who suffers from TB, without support for his treatment and the family's daily needs. Family members shared that Subhash had foregone marriage due to his heavy responsibilities. The community is reeling from the tragic loss, while police intensify their search for the

AIIMS Bhopal Hosts National **Undergraduate Physiology Quiz**

Bhopal: The Department of Physiology, AIIMS Bhopal successfully organized the 6th edition of the "National Undergraduate Physiology Quiz at AIIMS Bhopal" on the 19th and 20th of May. This academic event brought together 35 teams from various medical colleges across India, showcasing the spirit of knowledge-sharing and academic excellence among undergraduate medical students. The competition began with two screening rounds conducted in online mode. The grand finale of the quiz will be conducted in physical mode on 30th May 2025 at AIIMS Bhopal, where the qualified teams will participate in person. The teams that have qualified for the final event include Pranjal Khatri and Vedant Amlathe from AIIMS Bhopal.

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Bhopal: The revered Jhirno Temple, dedicated to Atishaya Kari Bhagwan Neminath and a spiritual cornerstone for the Jain community of Bhopal, will mark its 75th foundation day on Jyeshtha Krishna Dashami this Thursday. The milestone will be celebrated with grandeur, devotion, and deep religious fervor. The event will feature special rituals including Mastikabhishek, Shantidhara, and Vidhan ceremonies, all conducted in the divine presence of Pujya Muni Shri Vinand Sagar Ji Maĥaraj Sangh. Devotees are expected to gather in large numbers to witness and participate in this historic celebration.



Meanwhile, the Samyak Dhyan Camp, organized by the Panchayat Committee Trust, concluded successfully on Wednesday at Chowk Dharamshala. Held from May 14, the eight-day spiritual retreat fea-

tured six daily sessions led by Pujya Muni Sangh, focusing on yoga, meditation, life rituals, and Jainagam values. Trust Secretary Manoj RM shared that around 125 participants attended the camp. Brahmacharini Shelu Didi empha-sized the peace and spiritual en-richment gained, while participant Sunil Jain highlighted learning meditative practices using the sound of "Om."

municipal vehicle fled the scene

immediately after the collision. Authorities have since seized the tip-

Even school children took part, learning Jain values and participating in a written examination. The camp, said organizers, was a step toward inner transformation and community connection.

Bhopal Collector chairs district health committee meeting

Bhopal: A crucial District Health Committee meeting was convened today at 4:00 PM at the Collectorate office in Bhopal, presided over by the District Collector. The primary agenda was a comprehensive review of vari-

ous health programs and initiatives. All nodal officers for health programs, Chief Block Medical Officers, Sub-Divisional Medical Officers, and in-charge officials of health institutions were directed to attend the meeting with all necessary information. Dr. Prabhakar Tiwari, Chief Medical and Health Officer (CMHO), Bhopal, stated that the



meeting focused on evaluating ongoing health campaigns and reviewing program progress. To foster inter-departmental coordination and cooperation, officials and representatives from a wide array of organi-

zations were present. This included the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), govern ment and private medical colleges Nagar Nigam (Municipal Corporation), Women and Child Development Department, Gas Rahat De partment, Education Department, AYUSH Department, Kasturba Hospital, Railway Hospital, and ESI (Employees' State Insurance).

Mother, son drink pesticide in front of forest officials

Bhopal: A shocking incident unfolded in Bhopal today as a mother and son reportedly consumed pesticide in front of a Forest Department team, critically deteriorating their health. Both were rushed to the hospital in an emergency. The duo has accused Forest Department officials of demanding money and, upon refusal, excavating their land—which is currently under judicial consideration—with a JCB.

The dramatic confrontation took place in the Nazirabad police station area. According to reports, a Forest Department team arrived at Bhamora village, within the Berasia's Bhamora forest range, on Monday to clear an alleged encroachment on land. It was then that the mother and son resorted to drinking pesticide. They have

vehemently accused the Berasia Forest Department of soliciting a bribe and, when their demands were not met, proceeding with excavation on the disputed land, despite the matter being sub judice. Meanwhile, the Nazirabad police have registered a case against Sarju Bai, Gyan Singh, and Kanchan Singh based on a complaint from

Forest Guard Rambabu Soni. They face charges of encroaching on government land, verbally abusing officials, and obstructing official duties. Kanchan Singh, speaking to the media, alleged that the Forest Department is attempting to unlawfully seize their land and specifically accused a Deputy Ranger of demanding money. Police are currently investigating the full scope of this complex incident.

Narmadapuram and Shajapur Stations

Redefining identity under Amrit Bharat Scheme



Bhopal: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate 103 redeveloped railway stations across India via video conferencing, including Narmadapuram and Shajapur stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, marking a transformative step in rail infrastructure.



Falling under the Bhopal Division, both stations now reflect a blend of modern amenities and local cultural essence, symbolizing a new identity. Indian Railways, the nation's lifeline, has embarked on a mission to redevelop over 1,300 stations, turning them into accessible,

aesthetically rich, and culturally inspired spaces. Narmadapuram Station, developed at a cost of over Rs 26 crore, is designed around the 'Narmada" theme, celebrating the sacred river's heritage. The station now boasts a grand entrance, modern waiting halls, wider platforms with extended sheds, accessible ramps and re strooms, a 12-meter-wide foot overbridge, and a beautifully landscaped 3,100 sq. m circulating area illuminated with modern LED lighting. Shajapur Station, redeveloped at a cost of Rs 13 crore, fuses tradition with modernity. Enhanced platforms, shaded waiting areas, a new footbridge, organized parking, and an attractive entrance make travel more comfortable. A dedicated Art & Culture Zone (140 sq. m) highlights Shajapur's local traditions, while upgraded amenities—including accessible toilets and VIF waiting rooms-ensure inclusivity. These stations are now set to become not just transit points, but symbols of cultural pride and economic progress. Their redevelopment reflects Indian Railways' commitment to offering world-class experiences in the Amrit Kaal era.