

# Bhopal Metro's first phase set for August launch

► CM instructs to speed up the work in the review

**Bhopal:** Madhya Pradesh is on track for a significant leap in urban connectivity as the first phase of the Bhopal Metro Rail project is slated for completion in August. The inaugural stretch will connect Pul Bogda to AIIMS, marking a major milestone for the capital city.

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, during a comprehensive review of MP's Metro Rail projects on Friday at Samatva Bhawan, directed officials to accelerate work while maintaining stringent quality standards and adhering to deadlines. He specifically emphasized prioritizing the completion of the Bhopal and Indore Metro projects, urging coordination with Public Works and other relevant departments to ensure seamless execution.

## Bhopal Metro: A 30 km vision unfolding

Approved in November 2018, the Bhopal Metro Rail project spans approximately 30 kilometers across two lines, featuring 30 stations, including two underground stations. With an estimated cost of Rs 10,033 crore, the system will initially operate with 27 three-car trains, with the potential to expand to six-car trains in the future. The Orange Line will connect Karond Chouraha to AIIMS Saket Nagar, while the



Blue Line will run from Bhadbada Chouraha to Ratnagiri Tiraha. The main metro depot will be established in Subhash Nagar.

The first phase, covering 7 kilometers from Pul Bogda to AIIMS with eight stations, is targeted for completion by August 2025. Subsequently, the second phase will extend 9 kilometers from Karond Chouraha to Pul Bogda, adding six stations (two underground). The third phase will see a 14.16-kilometer track from Bhadbada Chouraha to Ratnagiri Tiraha with 14 elevated stations. The second and third phases of the Bhopal Metro are targeted for completion by June 2028.

Notably, Pul Bogda will serve as an interchange station for both the Orange and Blue lines. Metro testing between Subhash Nagar and Rani Kamalapati Station was successfully conducted in October 2023.

## Indore Metro: Phased expansion underway

The Indore Metro Rail project, approved in November 2018, spans over 31 kilometers with 28 stations, including seven underground. The first phase, operating 6.3 kilometers between Gandhinagar and Super Corridor 3 with five stations, commenced operations on May 31, 2025, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Reach 2 of the first phase, an 11-kilometer stretch with 11 stations from Super Corridor to Malviya Nagar Chouraha, is set for completion by October 2025. The second phase, a 5.34-kilometer elevated track with five stations from Malviya Nagar Chouraha to Palasia Chouraha, aims for completion by December 2027. The final third phase, an 8.70-kilometer underground track with seven stations from Palasia Chouraha to Gandhinagar, is targeted for completion by December 2028. The total estimated cost for the Indore Metro project is Rs 12,088 crore. Key stations on the Yellow Line include Gandhinagar, ISBT, Vijay Nagar Chouraha, Patrakar Colony, Railway Station, Rajwada, Bara Ganpati, and the Airport. The metro depot will be located in Gandhinagar.

## Metro expansion on the horizon for Gwalior, Ujjain, and Jabalpur

During the review meeting, comprehensive mobility plans and alternative analysis reports were presented for proposed metro projects in Gwalior, Ujjain, and Jabalpur. These projects are currently in various stages of approval, with proposals for MRTs (Mass Rapid Transit Systems) corridors being presented to stakeholders. The process for preparing Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for these new metro corridors will commence soon.



# BMHRC doctors pay tribute to plane crash victims through blood donation

**Bhopal:** A blood donation camp was organized at Bhopal Memorial Hospital and Research Centre (BMHRC) on the occasion of World Blood Donation Day to pay tribute to the victims of the recent Ahmedabad plane crash. The camp was jointly organized by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Junior Doctors Association, where 122 doctors came forward to donate blood.

World Blood Donation Day is observed every year on June 14 by the World Health Organization (WHO) to honor the lifesaving act of voluntary blood donors. The theme for this year is "Give Blood, Give Hope, Save Lives Together."

The day also commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. Karl Landsteiner, who discovered the ABO blood group system.

Director-in-Charge Dr. Manisha Srivastava stated that donating blood is a noble gesture that brings hope to patients in critical need. Dean of People's Medical Hospital, Dr. Rajesh Gaur, also emphasized the importance of voluntary blood donation as the highest form of social service.

Blood donors were honored during the event, which saw participation from medical officers, staff, and students, including Dr. Anurag Yadav and Dr. Seema Naved.

# Orientation programme for teachers' held at Campion

**Bhopal:** Campion School, Arera Colony, recently organized a two-day interactive Orientation Programme and Seminar on the themes 'Essential Skills for Teachers' and 'Effective Teachers in the New Education Policy'. The programme was held under the guidance of Principal Fr. Dr. Athnas Lakra S.J., with Father Norbert serving as the resource person.

The seminar commenced with an insightful introductory session. It aimed to guide primary and secondary teachers in aligning with the New Education Policy, focusing on transforming educators into effective facilitators of learning. Key topics included understanding student needs, adapting teaching methods to student levels, promoting experiential and creative teaching, managing classroom discipline, and being an assertive teacher.

Sessions also covered experiential learning, effective communication (verbal and non-verbal), personality development, and evolving



ing teaching roles. The resource person emphasized crucial teacher attributes like IT skills, creativity, communication, leadership, teamwork, and accountability.

Student guidance and counselling were also highlighted as key areas. The seminar concluded with

all participants gaining a deeper understanding of what makes an effective teacher. Superior & Manager Fr. Kapil Xaxa S.J., Headmistress Sr. Renisha A.C., senior staff, and all primary and secondary section teachers were present for the event.

# Meritorious students feted at RNTU

► Tribute paid to victims of plane crash

**Bhopal:** The second phase of the "Medhavi Chhatra Samman Samaroh" was successfully organized by Rabindranath Tagore University (RNTU) with great enthusiasm. The first phase of the ceremony had been held earlier on 11 June. Dr. Rajiv Agarwal, President of the Mandideep Industry Association and Managing Director of Ananya Packaging, was the chief guest. Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) R.P. Dubey, Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, and Registrar Dr. Sangeeta Johri were also present as special guests.

Students who had excelled in their Class 12 board exams from Bhopal, Sehore, and Bareilly regions were honored during the program.



Dr. Rajiv Agarwal shared life lessons with the students, encouraging them to value good company, stay curious, and focus on sustainable growth. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dubey emphasized the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 at RNTU and its

benefits for holistic student development.

The event began with a two-minute silence to pay tribute to the victims of the recent Ahmedabad plane crash, in which all attendees

participated solemnly.

Students also visited the Atal Incubation Center on campus, where they learned about innovation, start-up culture, and entrepreneurship opportunities.

# Woman dies by suicide, family alleges domestic abuse

**Bhopal:** A 28-year-old woman, Kriti Singh, reportedly died by suicide at her home in Ayodhya Nagar. Her family alleges that constant domestic abuse by her husband, Deepak Singh, pushed her to take this extreme step. The incident occurred on June 12 when Kriti hanged herself using her dupatta tied to a ceiling fan. Her husband, who was present in the house, rushed her to the hospital, where she died during treatment early Saturday morning.

According to her brother, Rakesh Singh, Kriti had called him shortly before the incident and mentioned a fight with her husband. Rakesh claims that Deepak, who works in a

liquor company, often beat her and that she was mentally disturbed due to ongoing torture.

However, Deepak denies the allegations. He stated that Kriti was short-tempered and often punished their children harshly. On the day of the incident, she allegedly made their elder son stand in the sun as punishment. Deepak said he lightly scolded her, after which she locked herself in a room and took the drastic step.

Following the post-mortem on Saturday afternoon, Kriti's body was handed over to her family. The police are investigating the matter based on the statements of both parties.

# Shahjahanabad Police bust two-man vehicle theft ring

► Recover Rs 1.5 lakh in stolen vehicles



This initial lead quickly unravelled a larger scheme, revealing the names of Umar Ali and Sheikh Parvez.

**Recovered vehicles and arrested suspects**

The recovered vehicles include:

Honda Activa (MP/04/SK/1663)  
Hero Splendor (MP/48/MP/2966)  
(Total Estimated Value: Rs 1,50,000)

**The arrested individuals are:**

Umar Ali (Son of Mehboob Ali, 36 years old), Sheikh Parvez (Son of Sheikh Majid, 26 years old) (Both suspects have previous cases registered against them for theft, possession of weapons, and fraud.)

This successful operation was a result of diligent teamwork by the Shahjahanabad police team, led by Station In-charge Umesh Pal Singh Chauhan. The team included Salman Khan, Kripashankar Gautam, Pramod Bhushan, Deepak Pandey, Kuldeep Pandey, Deepak Savarkar, Vikas Satankar, Arvind Bhilala, and Woman Constable Pooja Khatarkar.

# Young devotees shine at Bhopal Nirankari Convention

**Bhopal:** Under the divine blessings of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, the Sant Nirankari Mission's Bhopal Zone 24A hosted a zonal-level 'Bal Sant Samagam' (Children's Saint Convention). Titled "Breaking the Walls of Narrow Confines – Expanding Towards the Infinite," the event took place at the Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan, Jahangirabad, in the esteemed presence of Revered Mahatma Shri Naveen Kumar Bhashi Ji from Gurugram.

Addressing the gathering, Mahatma Bhashi Ji emphasized the vital role of spiritual awakening in children's lives. He likened it to nurturing a young sapling within a protective fence, ensuring its growth into a strong, fruit-bearing tree offering shade. Similarly, he stressed that ear-

► Breaking barriers, embracing infinity



ly spiritual guidance helps children blossom into devoted individuals, shielded from worldly illusions and negative influences.

Nirankari saints at the convention highlighted these children as the future of both the nation and the Mis-

sion, noting their profound devotion as a testament to the Mission's effective spiritual education for all ages. They affirmed that such events, consistently held across all branches with Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj's blessings, are fostering greater devo-

tion, promising a generation that will bring honor to their families, the Mission, and the country.

The young participants delivered captivating devotional performances, creating a vibrant atmosphere with dances, skits, and various artistic displays. They powerfully conveyed the message of "Breaking the Walls of Narrow Confines – Expanding Towards the Infinite" through their acts, showcasing the Mission's activities.

The event concluded with Revered Zonal In-charge Mahatma Shri Ashok Juneja Ji presenting saplings to the participating young saints as a token of blessing. A large number of devotees, including Regional Director Mahatma Shri Akhilesh Yadav Ji and other dignitaries, were present.



# MP NCC Cadets champion sickle cell and Thalassemia awareness

► Future doctors and leaders unite

**Bhopal:** In a significant step towards public health, the 12 MP NCC Battalion, during its ATC-VI Camp at RKDF University, Bhopal, hosted a impactful Sickle Cell and Thalassemia Awareness Campaign. This crucial initiative was spearheaded by Dr. Ruby Khan, Deputy Director, Blood Cell, National Health Mission, Madhya Pradesh, and Lieutenant (Dr.) Chandra Bahadur Dangi. The campaign focused on boosting awareness for the prevention, early detection, and management of these prevalent genetic blood disorders—Sickle Cell Anemia and Thalassemia—across various regions of the state.

**NCC Cadets designated "Sickle Mitras" to drive community awareness:** Representing Brigadier Ajit Singh, Group Commander, Bhopal Group, Colonel Nitin Bhawar, Commanding Officer, 12 MP Battalion, felicitated

Dr. Ruby Khan for her leadership in this vital public health endeavor. A key highlight of the campaign was the designation of NCC cadets as "Sickle Mitras" (Sickle Friends). These cadets are now tasked with disseminating awareness within their communities and supporting health activities related to these conditions.

**A collaborative effort for a healthier Madhya Pradesh:** Under Dr. Ruby Khan's guidance, the collaborative efforts of NHM and NCC mark a significant stride in combating these diseases at the grassroots level. This program powerfully underscores the importance of community-based health awareness and the pivotal role of youth in building a healthier Madhya Pradesh. The event garnered an overwhelmingly positive response, marking it as a crucial achievement in public health education.

# Prof. Purohit conferred with Rajbhasha Vigyan Ratna Award

**Bhopal:** At the 44th All India Rajbhasha Conference held in Kerala, Prof. P.K. Purohit, Dean of NITTTR Bhopal, was honored with the Rajbhasha Vigyan Ratna Award. He received this prestigious award from the Governor of Kerala, Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, in recognition of his dedication to the Hindi language, popularization of science in Hindi, his efforts to enhance the scientific approach in official language implementation, and his authorship of several books in Hindi.

In addition to this, the institute also received two other Rajbhasha awards: Director Prof. C.C. Tri-



pathi was honored with the Rajbhasha Manishi Samman for his role as the Chairman of the Official Language Implementation Committee, where he inspired various offices towards the use of Hindi and played a significant role in its promotion.

The institute received the Rajbhasha Digtant Samman for the uninterrupted publication of its Hindi magazine Sampark Sarita for 25 consecutive years. Dr. Purohit received all the awards on behalf of the institute in Kerala. These awards were presented by the Bhartiya Bhasha and Sanskrati Kendra, New Delhi.